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THE PUBLISHER TO THE READER.

Copies, with what Art and Delicacy ſoever they may be taken, never attain to the Worth and Accuracy of the Original, unleſs the Original it ſelf had been drawn by an unskilful, or a partial hand, and then its failings and imperfections may be rectified by the Copyer; but to

Copy from a sophisticated Copy, of a sorry Original, is the Devil, and this has happened in the late Translation of the History of the Buccaniers, which being written originally in the *Dutch*, with a *French-mans* name, for the Author cannot be thought otherwise than counterband Ware. For the *French* were never found to be over-ready to learn other Languages, and especially for one to make choice to express himself in so harsh an one as *Dutch*, rather than in his Mother Tongue, is a Miracle. Wherefore the *Dutch* Relation it self may reasonably be supposed to have been jobbled up between a *French-man* and a *Hollander*, the first furnishing the Matter, and the latter the Disposition and Ornaments.

ments. Now who can otherwise think but these two would glory over, and extol their own Nations as much as possibly they could; we having never found either Nation so over-conscientious, but that their Historians were always ready to put the Integrity and Impartiality due and requisite to the Title upon the stretch, rather than their Countrymen should suffer by a plain and faithful Representation. Now a Piece delineated by such suspicious hands, to be afterwards drawn by a *Spaniard*, who is no less jealous of, and zealous for the Honour of his Nation, must infallibly have its truth and probity a little tainted. Thus we must of necessity conclude, that a

man muſt have abandoned his Reaſon, who gives entire Credit to ſuch a ſpurious Relation, and to have delivered up his Senſe and Experience as a prey to Credulity and Impoſture. This the Publiſher of the following Sheets was ſenſible of, and therefore though he knew both the *Dutch* Original and the *Spaniſh* Tranſlation contained moſt excellent Remarks in point of Natural Hiſtory, with ſeveral Obſervations never before extant upon that Province. He thought not fit to proſecute his Deſign of having them rendred into the *Engliſh* Tongue, before that he had had them ſtand the Teſt of ſuch who had reſided many years in thoſe Parts, and, as it were, been preſent

ſent at, and Eye-witneſſes of thoſe Pyratical Expeditions, and ſo were fully acquainted with the Intereſts and Affairs of our Buccaniers; theſe Gentlemen were pleaſed to correct, purge and reform it of many Abuſes and Miſtakes, wherewith this Account was ſullied by Self-intereſſed Pens; ſo as Reader, you have here the Hiſtory of the Buccaniers expoſed open before you, and in a condition to undergo the moſt impartial View and Scrutiny. Yes, you have it here prun'd of all thoſe Tautologies wherewith the other Accounts are loaded, which is indeed, as the *Hollander* ſays, *Veel Spreken en niet ſeggen.* But the merit of theſe Sheets does not only conſiſt in Abbreviation and Conciſeneſs,

but the Reader will quickly find how much more it is to be valued than a ſlaviſh, a ſuperſtitious draft of ſo Erroneous a Tranſlation as is that of the *Spaniſh*, which has endeavoured to pourtraict the *Spaniards* more mild and favourable, and the Buccaniers more cruel and barbarous than they really were. And here I cannot forbear putting the Reader in mind of God's juſt Judgment upon the *Spaniards* for their inhumane uſage of the poor and miſerable Native *Indians*, and look upon our Country-men, how horrid ſoever ſome of their Actions may have been, as Inſtruments of the Divine Vengeance for the puniſhing thoſe enormous Crimes, and unparallel'd Barbarities committed by that Nation

tion upon a naked, defencele ſs ſort of People, and whoſe only Crime in their Eyes was their Riches, and ſo Deſtruction was pull'd upon them by the goodneſs and plenty of their Poſſeſſions. And *I* muſt needs add, that how home and real ſoever may be the Accuſations of our Buccaniers *Inhumanity*, and Barbariſm, yet that they are but meer *Infants*, meer Novices in Cruelty, in compariſon of the *Spaniards*; witneſs all Relations of their *American* Conqueſts, which even all the Artifice of Prieſt-craft, and the plauſible pretence of Religion has not been able to varniſh over.

Having thus cleared this Account of all the filth and ordures, wherewith this Account was poi-

ſoned and infected, I do not queſtion but that I may ſafely aſſert this Piece to be as agreeable to, and as neceſſary for an *Engliſh* Reader, as any this Age has produc'd, it thoroughly acquainting us with the Lives, Laws, and Manners of the *Buccaniers*, they being for the moſt part our Countrymen, or at leaſt the Braveſt of them, who have diſtinguiſht themſelves in ſeveral occaſions with that incredible Bravery and Gallantry, that their Great, Bold, and Generous Exploits in point of Military Conduct and Valour, are in no wiſe to be match'd by any Circumſtances of the Expeditions of the moſt famous Conquerours of the Univerſe. And ſo far do they exceed the pitiful, ſottiſh

Courage

Courage of a Town-Fop for a Miſtreſs, or of our common *Engliſh* Highway-men, that their moſt ſparkling, moſt illuſtrious Actions ſeem guilty of Puſillanimity in compariſon of thoſe of our Buccaniers; for they had not to do with an Effeminate, Daſtardly, Degenerate ſort of People, but with ſuch as were ſpirited by their Religion, and fought *pro Diis & Focis*, and were Headed by brave Leaders, being commonly thoſe, who having perform'd extraordinary Atchievements in the *Spaniſh* Dominions in *Europe* and *Africa*, have afterwards Employments conferred upon them in the *Weſt-Indies*, as a Reward for their Services. But though the *Spaniards* have a ſufficient ſtock of real Bravery,

very, yet they ſeldom miſs of ſhewing it greater in their Words than in their Actions. Thus in the Tranſlation into that Tongue, you find many flouriſhes that ought to have been left out, but which indeed are as eaſie to be known as a Child is by his Father, or as they themſelves ſay,

Cada uno es hijo de ſus obras.

And indeed we may ſay that both the *Dutch* Author and *Spaniſh* Tranſlator were both of a Herd in that reſpect, and as the *Spaniard* ſays,

Oncias bobas, for do va una van totas.

To

To the Honourable

Sir *Henry Morgan*,

These few Lines are Humbly Dedicated.

THat man's his Makers Image, *it is ſaid,*
But what's his Makers form *I never read:*
If there be any likeneſs, 'tis i'th' Mind,
Which ſtill Aſpires, *and ſcorns to be Confin'd;*
Godlike Ambition! *Does this only Prove,*
And ſhews the Kindred *Mankind has to* Jove;
Deſire of Rule *taught men the Art of* War,
'Twas this that caus'd the Bleſt *above to Jar:*
This made the Heroe! -------
This Godlike fury *the* Ambitious *Hurl'd,*
And led the daring Man *t'o're run the World:*
So ſure 'tis plain, that thoſe who thus Aſpire,
Have in their Souls, *the moſt* Cœleſtial *fire.*
How much of Jove *muſt then the* Engliſh *have,*
Who're always known to be ſo ſtout *and brave?*

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Handfulls *of men have ſcour'd a* Nation
(through,
Witneſs their Gallick *Wars, &* Flemiſh *too,*
And taught the vanquiſht War *by their*
(own overthrow.
But 'twould be mean to mention more, ſince
(Fame
Sufficiently Records *the* Engliſh Name:
Say but they're Engliſh Redcoats, *fire a Gun,*
One makes their foes to tremble, *th'other* run;
Let the great Morgan, *our fam'd* Buccanier,
In his late Enterpriſe, *make this appear,*
Who with a handful *of* brave Engliſh *men,*
Frighted *the whole* America *of* Spain.
And when he was upon the Indian *Shore,*
Had he from Englands King *deriv'd his*
(Power,
Charles *had been* Crown'd *the* Indies Em-
(perour.
Tho' the Poles *brag of their laſt years* Cam-
(paign,
*And th'*French King *boaſt of what ha's*
(done to Spain.
Great Morgan's Fame *ſhall laſt as long as*
(there
Is beat of Drum, *or any ſound to* War.

A. B.

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BUCANIERS HISTORY.

PART I.

CHAP. I.

The Introduction.

THE *Harpyia* of old were Fabled to have been a Ravenous kind of Fowl, inhabiting a certain Island, who plundered all that came near theplaces of their abode; but we do not read that they rang'd far abroad in search of their Prey. But here are a worse kind of Cattel, who would spare no Travel, refuse no hazards, yea, rake Hell itself, before they would like Fools, run a bootless Errand: Which the poor *Spaniards* had too sad experience of, tho, I dare swear, they would rather have been so credulous as to have given an implicite Faith to the Relations of Travellers

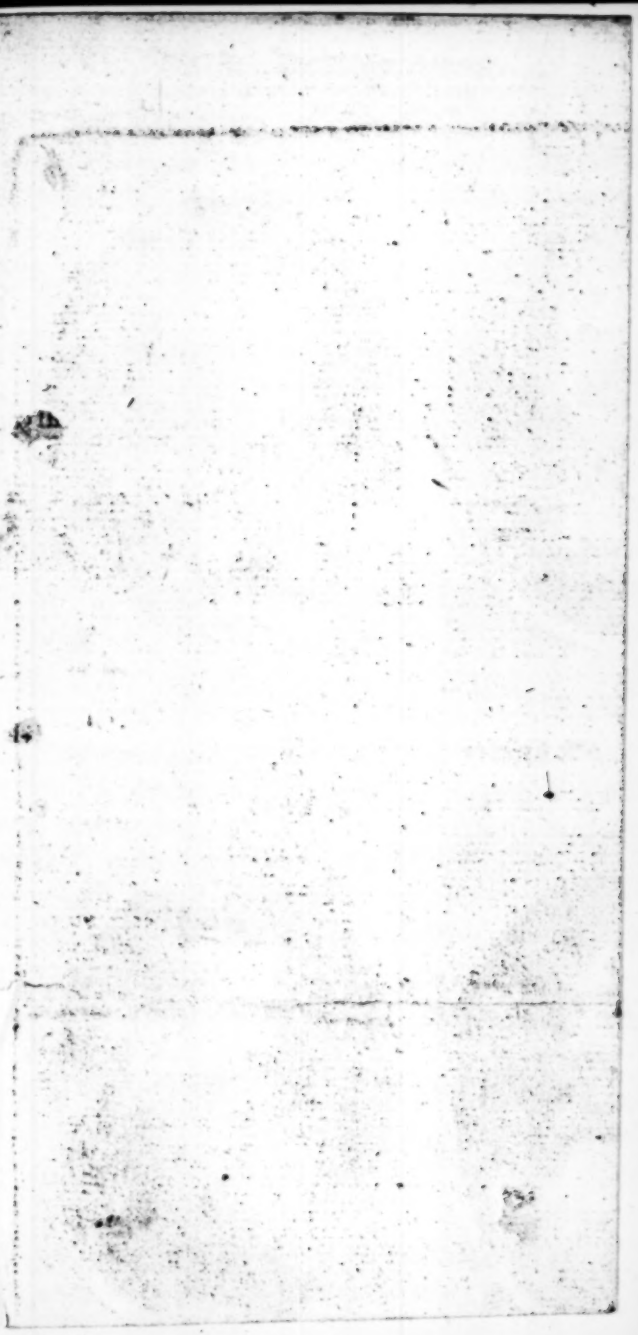
lers (tho Licentiate Lyars) than to have been at the Charge of ſo coſtly an Experimental Knowledge, as this proved to them, as you may ſee in this Hiſtory. Theſe young Sparks, I warrant ye, were at firſt ſuch Jovial Blades, as could not endure the cares that uſually attend Riches, and could never ſleep contentedly, ſo long as their Pockets were full, and therefore reſolved to rid themſelves of that troubleſome Gueſt that robs the Miſer of his nights reſt, and gave themſelves over to Drinking, Carouſing and Whoring, Indowments, in their account, of a Soul truly Generous. You may eaſily conceive that they could not long follow this courſe of life, but they muſt quickly found the bottom of their Pockets; for all things have a bottom, but the Ocean and Hell. When they had thus ſquandred away all their Monies they found, that tho it be a vile Traſh, yet it is ſuch, that without it they had as good be out of the World, unleſs they could, like Chamælions, live upon the Air, and therefore ſet their wits a working to procure more, that they might follow their former pleaſures of Quaffing, and be ſolaced with the raviſhing Society of their Female Deities. And hearing that his moſt Catholick Majeſties Subjects had ſtore of that Catholick

lick Medicine that could cure them of all their Diſtempers, they were reſolved to make bold with them for ſome of it in a fair way, but if that would not do, in plain terms they had a mind to have it, right or wrong, and if they could but come at it, they never queſtioned their right to it. For they never had been great Admirers of Moral Philoſophy, and had never ſo much converſed in *Diogenes* his Tun, as that of the Tavern, accounting all the Moral Philoſophers but dull Pedants. Away they go with this reſolution, though they had not at all a like ſucceſs; for Fortune, as if ſhe had owed ſome of them a ſpite, made them the very Opprobry of their Enemies. However, thoſe whom Fortune was more propitious to, ſufficiently reveng'd the others Quarrel. The *Spaniards*, you may be ſure were not very fond of their viſit, and knowing that they came for ſome of their Gold, they were not willing to part with it eaſily, & therefore either conveyed it to ſtrong Forts out of their reach, or hid it in its firſt receptacle, the Bowels of the Earth. But they had e'en as good done, as is reported of the Beavers, who when purſued by Hunters for their ſtones, knowing for what they are ſo hunted, bite them off, which the Hunters finding, deſiſt their further purſuit. For they finding their

their Bodies, but missing that they came for, enjoyn'd them a severe Penance, making them keep Fast till the Pride of their flesh was much abated. But not content with this, they put them to as severe an Inquisition, as ever his *Unholiness*, or any of his Cabinet-Council invented, to extort from them a confession of the *unrighteous Mammon*. Yet further, knowing it was hard to trust them who were so well instructed in the Art of Equivocating with Hereticks, when they had got all they could this way, they threatned to burn their Houses, and sell them for Slaves, unless they would ransom both. When they had got all they expected, and now made themselves men, they thought it best to be gone in time, and to return to their Ports, whence they set forth, that they might again a little indulge their former pleasures, never resolving to make an Idol of what they had thus Purchased. Where in a little time, partly the Taverns, and partly their Female Friends, like Spunges, quickly sucked up their superfluous Monies, and then turned them out to seek their new adventures.

But that I may not detain you longer in the Entry, I shall proceed to give you an account of those Cannibals adventures.

CHAP.





RØCK. BRASILIANO.



FRANCIS LOLONOIS.





CHAP. II.

The Original of the American Pirates.

THE *American Pirates* or *Bucaneers* are the Subject of this Hiſtory, a ſort of People who cannot be ſaid to deſerve any other Title, as not being maintain'd or upheld in their Actions by any Soveraign Prince. For certain it is, that when the Kings of *Spain* have complain'd by their Embaſſadors to the Kings of *England* and *France*, of the Violences and Robberies done upon the *Spaniards*, both at Land and at Sea, by thoſe Pirates upon the Coaſts of *America*, even in the Calm of Peace, it has been always anſwer'd, that ſuch perſons did not commit thoſe Acts of Hoſtility and Piracy, as Subjects to their Majeſties, and therefore his Catholick Majeſty might proceed againſt them as he ſhould think fit. The King of

France alſo added, That he had no Fortreſs or Caſtle upon the Iſland of *Hiſpaniola*, nor receiv'd any Tribute thence. It was likewiſe declar'd by the King of *England*, that he had never given any Patents or Commiſſions to thoſe of *Jamaica*, for committing any Hoſtility againſt the Subjects of his Catholick Majeſty.

The firſt Pirate that was known upon the Iſland of *Tortuga*, was *Peter* the Great, born at *Dieppe* in *Normandy*, who took the Vice Admiral of the *Spaniſh* Fleet near the Cape of *Tiburon*, upon the Weſtern ſide of *Hiſpaniola*. This Pirate having been Cruzing at Sea for ſome time, without finding any thing to anſwer his Expectation, at length eſpy'd a great Veſſel belonging to the *Spaniſh* Fleet, ſeparated from the reſt; and tho' they judg'd her to be much above their ſtrength, yet ſuch was their covetouſneſs of the Prey, that theywere reſolv'd to have theShip, or die in the Attempt; to that purpoſe they bor'd a hole in the ſides of their own Boat, that their own Veſſel ſinking under them, they might be compell'd to attach the Enemy the more vigorouſly. Thus reſolv'd, they approach'd the Ship in the dark, and boarding it immediately, with only a Piſtol in one hand, and a Sword in the other, they ran into the great Cabin where

where they found the Captain, and ſome of his Companions playing at Cards. The *Spaniards* ſeeing the Pirates aboard before they had diſcover'd them at Sea, ery'd out, *Jeſus bleſs us, are theſe Men, or Devils?* In the mean time others of the Pirates made ſure of the Gun-Room and Arms therein, killing all that made any oppoſition.

Peter the Great, having thus made himſelf Maſter of this famous Prize, detain'd in his Service as many of the common Sea-men as he had need of, and ſet the reſt aſhoar; and then with all his wealth ſet ſail for *France*, where he continu'd, without ever returning to *America* again.

The Planters and Hunters of *Tortuga* had no ſooner underſtood this happy ſucceſs of thoſe Pirates, but they reſolv'd to follow their Example, but wanting Boats and ſmall Veſſels, they ſet forth in their *Canows*, and began to Cruze about Cape *de Alvarez*, where the *Spaniards* us'd to Trade from one City to another with Hides and Tobacco, and other neceſſary Commodities.

Of theſe Boats laden, they took a great number, and carry'd their purchaſe to *Tortuga*, where they ſold it to the Ships that waited in Port for their return; and thus with the gains of theſe Prizes, they

provided themſelves with neceſſaries to undertake more conſiderable deſigns. Some of their Voyages they made toward the Coaſt of *Campeche*, and others toward that of New *Spain*, where the *Spaniards* at that time drave a great Trade, and where they met a great number of Trading Veſſels, and ſometimes Ships of great Burthen. So that in leſs than 2 months time two great Ships which the *Spaniards* had laden with Plate in the *Port of Campeche*, and bound for *Caraca's*, were by them taken and brought into *Tortuga*. Which Succeſſes ſo encourag'd the people of the Iſland, that from thoſe ſmall Beginnings within a little ſpace of time there were to be numbred in that ſmall Iſland and Port above twenty Veſſels of thoſe ſort of people.

CHAP. III.

How the Pirates Arm their Veſſels, and Order their Voyages.

BEfore theſe Pirates go forth to Sea, they give notice to every one that is engag'd in the deſign, of the day that they are punctually to Embark, with orders to every one in particular to provide

vide as many pound of Powder as the Voyage may be thought to require. Being all aboard, the first thing considered is where to get provisions of Flesh, especially Pork: For which purpose they readily conclude to rob such and such *Hog-yards*, where the *Spaniards* usually keep a thousand Head of Swine together. Nor do they give any Quarter to the Swine-keepers, if they offer to disturb or resist them in their Vocation.

Being thus furnisht with provisions, they allow to every man twice a day as much as they can eat, without weight or measure. Nor has the Captain any proportion of Flesh, or any thing else more than the meanest Sea-man.

Their next deliberation is, where to go and seek their Fortunes; and then for the Charges, and Division of what is got, by the common Stock, that is concluded upon under Hand and Seal. First, how much the Captain is to have for his Ship; then the Salary for the Carpenter or Ship-wright that careen'd the Vessel, which generally comes to a hundred, or a hundred and fifty pieces of Eight. For provisions and victualling they draw out of the common Stock two hundred pieces of Eight. The Surgeons Salary and Medicaments are rated at two hundred and

fifty pieces of Eight. Lastly, They agree in writing what recompence every one shall have for the loss of a Limb; for the loss of a Right Arm six hundred pieces of Eight, or six Slaves; for the loss of a Left Hand five hundred pieces of Eight, or five Slaves; for a Right Leg five hundred pieces of Eight, or five Slaves; for the Left Leg four hundred pieces of Eight, or four Slaves; for an Eye one hundred pieces of Eight, or one Slave; and for a Finger, the same.

They are very just in their Division, yet with regard to Qualities and Places, so the Captain is allowed five or six portions to what the ordinary Seamen have. The Masters Mate has two portions, and the other Officers proportionable to their Employments. After whom they draw equal parts from the highest to the lowest Mariner, the Boys not being omitted; for they also draw their half shares; because that when they take a better Vessel then their own, 'tis the Boys duty to set fire on the forsaken Ship.

They observe very good Orders one among another. For in the Prizes that they take, no man is suffer'd to take any thing in particular to himself. And they make a solemn Oath to each other, not to conceal the least thing they find among the

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Purchaſe: ſo that if any one be found to have falſified that Oath, he is turn'd out of the Society.

On the other ſide they are very civil and charitable one to another, inſomuch that if any one wants what another has, they freely part with it for the others uſe.

After they have taken a Prize, the firſt thing they endeavour to do, is to ſet the Priſoners aſhore, detaining only ſome few for their own uſe, whom they alſo ſet at liberty after two or three years ſervice.

Sometimes they cruze a long time, but meet with nothing conſiderable: but then it is that they will venture upon any deſperate deſign, rather then return empty. Which minds me of the Story of *Peter Francis*, an Arch-Pirate, who having been a long time at Sea with his Boat, and twenty ſix Perſons waiting for the Ships that were to return from *Maracaibo* towards *Campeche*, and finding no Booty, reſolv'd to direct his courſe to *Rancherias*, near the *River de la Plata*, where lies a rich Bank of Pearl, to the Fiſhery of which, they uſually ſend a dozen of Veſſels from *Cartagena*, with a Man of War to guard them. Now this Pearl Fleet rid at an Anchor at that time at the mouth of the River *de la Hacha*, the Man of

War being ſcarce half a League diſtant from the ſmall Ships, the wind calm. The Pirate ſpying them in that poſture, preſently pull'd down his Sails, and row'd along the Coaſt, pretending to be a *Spaniſh* Veſſel that came from *Maracaibo*; but no ſooner was he come to the Pearl Bank, but he preſently ſet upon the Vice-Admiral of the Fleet, mounted with eight Guns, and threeſcore Men well arm'd, commanding them to ſurrender, and after a ſtout Reſiſtance of the *Spaniards*, took her. Being thus poſſeſs'd of the *Vice-Admiral*, he reſolv'd next to adventure upon the Man of War, and ſo to maſter the reſt of the Fleet. To this purpoſe he preſently ſunk his own Boat in the River, and putting forth *Spaniſh* Colours, weigh-ed Anchor with a little wind, which be-gan then to ſtir. But the Man of War perceiving one of his Fleet to ſet Sail, weigh'd, and ſtood after the Veſſel that mov'd, fearing leſt the Mariners might have ſome deſign to run away with the Ship and Wealth which they had aboard. Thereupon the Pirates gave over their re-ſolutions of Attacking the Man of War, and attempted to get out of the River, and gain the open Sea, with the Spoil they had got, to which purpoſe they made all the Sail the Veſſel would bear. But ſo it

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happens, that the Devil sometimes bears his dearest Friends a shame, so it fell out with our Captain, for by reason that the Pirates had laid on too much sheet, a sudden gust of wind brought their main Mast by the Board, so that now wanting Wings, the Man of War gain'd upon 'em every moment, and at length coming up with 'em, laid the hardy Pirate aboard. Nor did the *Spaniards* gain an easy Victory for the resolute Rascals, loth to let go so rich a Prize, held it fast in their Sword hands, till over-power'd with number, they were forc'd to surrender, though it was not done without Articles neither, which the *Spaniards* were forc'd to allow 'em, *That they should set them on shore upon free Land, without doing any harm to their Bodies.* Upon which Composition, to their great disconsolation with sorrowful hearts, they parted with all they had taken, which was worth, only in Pearls, above a hundred thousand pieces of Eight, besides the Vessel, Provision and Goods, which being put together, would have held the brisk Boys tack in Wine and Wenches for one half year, though they had spent like so many *Cæsars.*

Nor must we omit another bold Attempt much of the same nature, performed by a certain *Portuguize*, a Person

known by no other name, then *Portugal Bartholmew*, who cruising in his Boat from *Jamaica*, where he had only thirty Men, and four small Guns, upon the *Cape de Corriente*, in the Island of *Cuba*, met with a great Ship bound for *Havana*, from *Nova Cadiz*, and *Carthagena*, well provided with twenty great Guns, and threescore and ten Men, Seamen and Passengers. I will not dispute whether this Pyrate understood Latin or no, but certain it is, he apprehended something of the Proverb, That Fortune favours the Daring. In short he would not see any Prize go by his Mill, and so without Complements he attach'd this great Ship with his few men; The first time he was repuls'd; but finding he had received no great damage, he resolv'd to try the to'ther, Nothing venture, nothing have; so that after a long and obstinate Combate he made himself Master of the great Ship with his small Vessel. For some body must be beaten, and it seems the Pyrate would not, therefore the others must. In this Encounter the Portugal lost ten Men, and four wounded, so that he had twenty still safe and sound.

Having thus possess'd themselves of the Ship, the next thing was what to do with it. The wind, which is not always the Sea-

Seamans Friend, nor won't blow as men would have it, would not let 'em go to *Jamaica*, becauſe it blew full i'their Teeths, therefore they reſolv'd to ſteer to *Cape St. Anthony*, on the Weſt ſide of the Iſland of *Cuba*, there to recruit themſelves, and take in freſh water.

But as ill luck would have it, and ill luck will rule the Roſt ſometimes, being almoſt within ſight of the *Cape*, they were unexpectedly met by three great Ships coming from *New-Spain*, and bound for *Havana*. Theſe three Ships, there being no way to eſcape, and certainly he would have eſcap'd if he could, made Prize of the Pyrate, and reſcu'd the Ship out of his Clutches. Nor was the Pyrate to be blam'd for not doing more then *Hercules* himſelf could do. So that they who were Lords and Maſters before, through the ſudden change of Fortune, in a moment found themſelves poor, oppreſs'd, and ſtripp'd of all their Wealth, and diſappointed of a thouſand Jovial deſigns which they had in their heads. Well, but what became of theſe poor Rats? Soon after the great Ship, wherein they had the happineſs to be ſtow'd, arriv'd at *Campeche*, where the Merchants coming aboard to viſit the Captain of the Veſſel, knew the *Portuguize* Pyrate, and knew him to be

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one that had been the plague and vexation of thoſe Coaſts, one that had committed more Inſolencies, Murders, and Robberies, then he was at that time in a capacity to make ſatisfa tion for. Thereupon they reſolv'd to hang him and his Companions fairly out of the way. To this purpoſe they ſet up a Gibbet, with a reſolution to rid him out of the way next morning, without any other Ceremony, then only carrying him from the Ship to the Gallows; For they did not think it requiſite to ſtand upon the Formality of Juries to one that was never us'd to trouble his Conſcience with Juſtice and Honeſty. The poor *Portugal* having intelligence of this diſmal Plot, he reſolv'd not to hang if he could help it. And therefore meditating an eſcape he got two empty earthen Jarrs, wherein the *Spaniards* carry Wine from *Spain* to the *Weſt-Indies*, and ſtopp'd them cloſe, which he intended to uſe inſtead of Bladders, he fix'd, rather to truſt the Sea then the Land. Then waiting for the Night, when all the reſt were aſleep, with a Knife that he had got by ſtealth, he gave the Sentinel that guarded him ſuch a mortal and certain ſtab, that he ſoon diſcharg'd him of his double diligence, and ſo committed himſelf to the Sea, and by the help of his Jarrs ſoon got

got aſhore, where he took Sanctuary in the Woods, and fed upon wild Herbs till the heat of the purſuit was over: When the Coaſt was clear, away he crept out of the Woods, and in a fortnights time, after he had meaſur'd forty Leagues, hungry, thirſty, and full of fears, and mortifying his Body with a kind of Lent that no way pleas'd, he arrived at the *Cape* of the *Miſchievous Golphe*, where he found a Veſſel of Pirates, and Comerades of his own acquaintance come from *Jamaica*.

To theſe Pirates he related his Adverſities and Misfortunes, and withal deſir'd them to lend him a Boat and twenty Men, being reſolv'd to return to *Campeche*, and to fetch away that great Ship, wherein he had been ſo rudely entertained. The Pirates heard him like Gentlemen, with Commiſeration, and like Chriſtians, moſt charitably granted the poor *Portugal* his deſire, who being thus equipped, made all imaginable haſte to execute his deſign, and by way of ſurprize, for he was not ſo kind as to ſend word of his coming, he made himſelf eaſily Maſter of the Veſſel, aſſailing the Seamen, before they could put themſelves in a poſture of Defence.

And now was the adventurous *Portugal* by a ſecond turn of Fortunes Wheel brave and wealthy again, who had been ſo late-

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ly in the same Vessel a poor Prisoner condemned to the Gallows. With this great Purchase he design'd greater things, for the Ship was full of rich Merchandise, though the Plate had been carried ashore, and thus having grasp'd an Empire in his hopes, away he Sail'd for *Jamaica*. But coming near the Island of *Pino's*, to the South of *Cuba*, Fortune foully play'd the slut with him again, never to shew him favour more. For a sudden and violent storm arising at Sea, dash'd the Ship against Rocks or Sands call'd *Jardines*. The *Portugal* and his Men escap'd in a Canow, and got at length to *Jamaica*, to prepare himself for new designs.

We come now to a *Dutchman*, a Native of *Groninghen* in the *Low-Countries*; who was call'd by his own Companions *Brasilano*, as having spent most of his time in *Brasile*; nor would he ever be known by any other name.

This Fellow was forc'd to retire from *Brasile*, at what time the *Portuguizes* retook that Plantation from the *West-India* Company of *Amsterdam*; and so came to *Jamaica*; where being at a plunge how to get a Livelyhood, he entered himself into the Society of the Pirates; under whom he served as a private Seaman for some time. Among them his Courage, that

that ought to have been better employed, gain'd him such a Reputation, if it may be so called, that he was thought fit to be the Captain of a dissenting Faction of Mutineers, who having taken a disgust against their old Commander, deserted his Boat, and listed themselves one again under the Conduct of *Brasiliano*.

Nor had he been out many days at Sea, before he took a great Ship coming from *New-Spain*, where he found a great quantity of Plate, which he carried, Vessel and all to *Jamaica*.

This Action caused him to be much esteem'd at home, and fear'd abroad, tho as to the Government of himself a meer Brute, as one that in his drink would kill and slay all people he met in the Streets; and to the *Spaniards* barbarously cruel, out of an inveterate hatred he had against that Nation. Which, with the rest of his actions that follow, plainly demonstrate that he never was a Person that studied Cases of Conscience. For he roasted several of the *Spaniards* alive upon wooden Spits, because they would not shew him the Hog-yards, where he might steal Swine. After he had exercised several of these Cruelties upon the Coast of *Campeche*, a dismal tempest surpriz'd him so violent, that he lost his Ship, only

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the Seamen and himself escaped with their Muskets, and some Powder and Bullet. These got ashore with much ado in their long Boat, and keeping along the shore, march'd directly with all the speed they could to *Golpho Fresco*, which was a place where the Rovers us'd to put in to refresh themselves.

In their March, sorely oppress'd as they were with Hunger and Drought, almost as merciless as themselves, they were pursu'd by a Troop of *Spanish* Horse, consisting of about an hundred. But *Brasiliano* nothing terrify'd, cheer'd up his Companions, who were no more than thirty, telling 'em 'twas better to die with their Arms in their hands, than to submit to those from whom they could expect nothing but Torments, and a languishing Death. Thereupon they took their Advantage of ground, fac'd the *Spaniards*, and manag'd their Fire-Arms with that dexterity, that they took the *Spaniards* off their Horses, like so many Bows from so many Cherry-trees. So that the Dons not liking their warm entertainment, made that use of their Horses, that men do who have no mind to be kill'd. The Pyrates thereupon seeing themselves out of danger, stripp'd the Dead, and made bold with what was most conve-

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nient for their preſent ſupply, which done, they borrow'd ſeveral Horſes which were feeding in the adjoyning fields; for neither was Horſe-ſtealing a Crime with them, neither did they care to go afoot when they could ride. Purſuing their Journey, they ſpy'd a Boat from *Campeche*, well man'd, guarding certain Canows that were lading Wood. To keep their hands therefore in ure, they reſolv'd to have thoſe Boats; and to that purpoſe ſent a Detachment of ſix of their Men, who as they were much better at watching than praying, watch'd their opportunity ſo well, that by the next morning they got poſſeſſion of all the Canows, and by the help of them preſently pickt up the Diminutive Man of War that lay to guard the reſt.

Having thus made themſelves Maſters of this ſmall prey, and being again got upon their own Element the Water, they wanted nothing but bodily ſuſtenance, which rather than want, they kill'd their Land-Horſes, of which they had now no farther need; and having quarter'd the Delicious Fleſh, they ſalted it with ſuch Salt as the Wood-cutters had brought along with 'em for their own uſe; excellent Victuals till they could get better, and better they will have ere it be long, or they'l loſe their Aims.

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Thus resolv'd, away they put to Sea with the Fagot-Fleet, and now happy Man catch a Mackerel, which was gliding along from New *Spain* to *Maracaibo*. Have at her then by gheſs: For they knew no buſineſs that Veſſel had to do at *Maracaibo*; thereupon they ſeiz'd her, laden with ſeveral ſorts of other mens Goods, and a conſiderable quantity of pieces of Eight, which without examining whoſe they were, they took poſſeſſion of Veſſel and all, and ſo return'd to *Jamaica*, where they were joyfully receiv'd, and look'd upon as Angels by the Taverns and Bandy-houſes, where they waſted in a trice, what they had been purchaſing with great Hazard and Hardſhip. For to their Immortal praiſe be it ſpoken, they ſpar'd for no coſt that pamper'd their Debauchery with Wine and Strumpets: Inſomuch that there was one whom I knew, that gave no leſs than 500 pieces of Eight to a common Harlot, to pleaſe his voluptuous Fancy in beholding her as ſhe came into the World, and was to go out of it; that is to ſay in the Original, that he might have a delightful proſpect of her naked Body. Another at the ſame time, in his Frolicks brought a whole Pipe of Wine, caus'd it to be brought out into the Street, and in the heat of his Courteſie, forc'd all that paſs'd

pass'd by to drink with him, threatning to pistol all that refus'd to be complaisant to his humour. And because he could not drink it that way fast enough, he would with both hands lave the Liquor out of the Tub, and throw it upon the Cloaths of the Women and People as they happen'd to come by: Not considering in his present generosity, that it cost him the hazard of his Life.

Nor are they less liberal one to another. For if any one of the Crew has wasted all his Dividend, they freely supply him again as long as it lasts. And so long they have great Credit at the Taverns and Stews; but it behoves them to be very careful how they run very deep in Debt, in regard 'tis a common Custom in *Jamaica* to sell one another for Debt, as it happen'd to one I knew, that in less than three Months had consum'd no less than three thousand pieces of Eight.

Therefore *Brasilliano*, having in a short time spent all his ill-gotten gains, was constrain'd to undertake another Sea-ramble to recruit his Fortunes. To this purpose he set forth again to the Coast of *Campechy*, which was the place that afforded most profit. Being there arriv'd, he put himself into a long Boat, for discoveries sake; but then it was that Fortune crossed

ſed the Proverb, not always aſſiſting the venturous. For poor *Braſilliano* was there taken with all his Men, and carry'd before the Governour, who preſently cag'd 'em up in a Dungeon, with a deſign to ſend 'em all to Heaven in a ſtring. Which guilty *Braſilliano*, who was conſcious of his deſerts, well underſtanding, made uſe of his wits to prevent. To which purpoſe he wrote a Letter, and ſent it to the Governour, as coming from other Pirates, in a threatning Stile, "That his Donſhip "ſhould have a care what he did to thoſe "perſons he had in his Cuſtody, as he "tender'd the good of his Country-men, "ſwearing withal, that if he did not let "their Friends go, they would give no "Quarter to any of the *Spaniſh* Nation "that ſhould fall into their Clutches."

This caus'd the Governour to put on his Caſtillillian Conſidering Cap. So that he calling to mind the divers and ſundry miſchiefs thoſe Rovers had done upon the *Spaniſh* Coaſts, and weighing well how many they might do more, releas'd the Goal-Birds, binding them by Oath, to leave their Trade of Piracy for ever. And becauſe he underſtood the conſtitution of their Conſciences, he ſent them in the next Gallys for *Spain*, which was to them a ſecond Inquiſition. And therefore

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ſoon after their Arrival there, they made uſe of all their Wits to get rid of that Religious Place, ſo that in a ſhort time they all return'd again to *Jamaica*, which they lik'd much better than the Air of *Spain*, not ſo agreeable with their deſigns. Having there recruited themſelves, they quite and clean forgot their Oaths, as if they had left 'em behind in *Europe*, and putting forth to Sea again, committed greater Robberies and Piracies than before, revenging themſelves upon the *Spaniards*, for yoaking their Conſciences with all the Cruelties that their Rage and Fury could invent.

Thereupon the *Spaniards* perceiving there was no way to convert theſe Infidels, nor leſſen their Number, which rather daily multiply'd, ſo that there was no Truce to be made with theſe Sea-Locuſts, they reſolv'd to diminiſh the number of their Ships, and to deprive theſe Water-Rats of the opportunity of doing miſchief, by forbearing Trade as much as it was poſſible. But this *Spaniſh* project did little good, for the Pirates no ſooner ſmelt it, but they reſolv'd to take another courſe; and gathering into greater numbers to prey upon the Land, to leave playing at the ſmall Game of taking Ships, and to try what they could do upon whole Towns.

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The first of these Land-Invaders was one *Lewis Scot*, a bold *Brittain*, who sack'd and pillag'd *Campeche* it self; who after he had almost ruin'd the Town destroy'd all that he could, and put the Town to an excessive Ransom, forsook it, for those that came after to take his gleanings. To *Scot* succeeded *Mansfeildt*, a hopeful Successor, who attempted to set footing in *Granada*, and so extend his Piracies to the South-Sea. Wherein he made a very praise-worthy progress, till want of provisions drave him back. His first Assault was upon the Island of St. *Katherines*, where he took some few Prisoners, who shew'd him the way to *Cartagena*, one of the Chief Cities of *New Granada*. But now commend me to the Renowned *John Davis* a *Jamaican* born, one that had suckt in Piracy with his Mothers Milk, whose Exploits ought to be engrav'd on Pillars of Brass, who having been cruz'd, in vain, in the Gulph of *Pocatauro*, and finding no *Rivation*, resolv'd to land in *Nicaragua* it self.

To that purpose having found a convenient Hole to lay his Ships snug, and out of view, he took along with him fourscore of his Crew, out of an honest design to Rob the Churches, and Rifle the Houses of the most wealthy Citizens of

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Nicaragua. So rowing up the River in the Night-time, in the Day-time they lay conceal'd among the Trees that grow very thick in those Countries upon the Shoars, and thus the third Night they drew near the unfortunate City, where the Centry plac'd upon the Watch took them for Fisher-men fishing in the Lake, but was damnably mistaken; which he also took the rather for granted, because he heard 'em speak *Spanish*; a Language, which though the Pirates do not learn Grammatically, yet are they very well vers'd in it, as improving the learning for their own ends. The Sentry thus deceiv'd, and as secure as a Thief in a Mill, was presently seiz'd by an *Indian* of the Crew, and dextrously murdered without any noise or hubbub. Having thus laid the Sentry asleep, that they might be in a better capacity to disturb the sleeping peoples Rest, they enter'd the City, and knocking at four or five of the chief Houses in the shape of Friends, they were no sooner let in, but they plaid the Devils, falling with an incredible diligence to their Trade of Ransacking and plundering whatever they could lay their hands on, having first made sure of the Proprietors, and then Administring upon the Goods of the Intestate. Nor were they for-

forgetful in this heat of buſineſs to rifle the Churches, and ſacred places according to their firſt pious Intentions,------ performing all their vows according to the form of the Indictment, *Not having the fear of God before their Eyes.*

By this time they who had eſcap'd their clutches, had by their Cries and Lamentations, put the whole Town into uprore and Alarum; ſo that the people began to rally, and put themſelves into a poſture of defence. Which the bold Enemy perceiving, they made all the haſte they could to retire with the Booty they had got, carrying along with 'em ſome Priſoners to redeem their Brethren, if any one ſhould happen to be taken in the purſuit. But they got all ſafe to their Ship, as the Devil would have it; and well it was they were ſo ſpeedy, for they were no ſooner got out to Sea, but they beheld above five hundred well arm'd *Spaniards* upon the ſhore; to whom, however they put off their Caps very civilly, crying out, *You come too late Gaffers.* And ſo in truth they did, for they could not with their appearing force the obſtinate Rovers to reſtore a doight of what they had got, and beſides before they would diſmiſs their Priſoners, they conſtrain'd 'em to procure their Gueſts as much fleſh as they thought requiſite for their Voyage. This

This Purchaſe of theirs amounted to above four thouſand pieces of Eight in ready Caſh, beſides a great quantity of uncoin'd Plate and Jewels, computed to be worth about fifty thouſand pieces of Eight more. Which they carried all ſafe to *Jamaica*, where they ſpent it according to the Proverb, ſo that they were conſtrained in a ſhort time to ſeek out new Adventures. To which purpoſe C. *Davies*, now more renown'd among his Gang then *Bacchus*, that Conquered *India*, was choſen Admiral of ſeven or eight Boats; with which he directed his courſe firſt to the North of *Cuba*, but failing there, he ſteer'd toward the Coaſt of *Florida*, where he ſack't a ſmall Town, by the name of St. *Auſtins* of *Florida*. To which place, though there belong'd a Caſtle that had in it 200 men, yet could they not prevent the pillaging the Town. Such Sons of Thunder and Lightning are the true *Buccaneers*.

CHAP. IV.

The Original of Francis Lolonnois, *and the Progreſs of his Exploits.*

THis ſame Dragon of a Buccaneer, was born in *France*, at a place call'd *Les Sables*, or the Sands of *Olonne*. Though had he never been born, it might have been better for ſome hundreds. In his Youth he was ſent to the *Charibdy* Iſlands as a ſlave, where without being put to School, he learnt Roguery ſufficient to advance his Name among the wicked. Being out of his Time, he went to the Academy of *Hiſpaniola*, where he ſtudied for ſome time among the *Hunters*, before he began his Exploits againſt the *Spaniards*. At firſt he was no more then a Batchelor of Art, or common Mariner, but at length he was thought worthy of a higher degree, and was made Governor of *Tortuga*, where Fortune favour'd him at firſt with ſuch a liberal ſucceſs, that he gained great Riches. But after ſhe had thus

thus given him her Milk, ſhe at length kick'd down the Pail. And firſt, in a violent ſtorm ſhe caſt away his Ship; at what time he and all his men were ſav'd, yet being come aſhore, the *Spaniards* fell upon him, killing the greateſt part of his men, and wounding him himſelf; nor could he have poſſibly eſcap'd, had not his miſery helpt him at a dead lift. For after many inventions he bethought himſelf of a project to ſmear his Face with ſand, and his own blood, Which when he had done, he lay down cloſe among the dead, till the Enemy had quitted the Field.

When they were gone, up he got, bound up his wounds as well as he could, and ſo in a *Spaniſh* diſguiſe trudg'd away to *Campeche*, where he ſaw the rejoycings of the *Spaniards* for his ſuppos'd Death, expreſſed by Bonfires, and many other tokens of Publick Joy. While he ſtay'd there, he got in with ſeveral ſlaves, to whom he promis'd Liberty, if they would follow him; who not much liking their preſent Condition, followed his directions, which was to ſteal him one of their Maſters *Canows*. *Trim Tram*, quoth the Proverb. Theſe Fellows very honourably and juſtly ſtole him one of their Maſters Boats, in which, at length, by the aſſiſtance of his Benefactors, he got aboard, and ſo got

ſafe to *Tortuga*, the Seminary where he had firſt commenc'd Doctor in the Art of Villany. There in a ſhort time, though his Fortunes were very ſhallow, he got two Canows, with Men and Arms, as Taylors furniſh young Gentlemen with new Cloaths, upon Credit. Thus ſet up again, he directed his Courſe for the North-ſide of *Cuba*, where lies a ſmall Town, by the name of *de los Cayos*, the Inhabitants of which Place drove a great Trade in Tobacco, Sugar and Hides; but all in ſmall Boats, becauſe of the ſhallows in thoſe parts.

There *Lolonnois* reſolved at firſt to drive a ſmall Trade, like a young beginner. But being diſcovered by the Fiſhermen, who gave notice of his coming, he was diſappointed of his preſent deſign. For the Townſmen ſent away immediately to the Governor of *Havana*, giving him notice that *Lolonnois* was come to deſtroy them with two *Canows*; who, though he did not believe *Lolonnois* to be alive, yet at their importunity, ſent them a Ship and ten Guns for their ſecurity: Of this, *Lolonnois* had intelligence, but was ſo far from retiring out of fear, that hearing the Ship lay at an Anchor in the River of *Eſtera*, he reſolv'd to Attack her, not a little enrag'd at ſomething of farther Intel-

telligence that he had received, that the *Spaniſh* Governor had given Order to the Captain not to return, unleſs he had totally deſtroyed the Pirates, to which purpoſe he had given them a *Negro* to officiate the Office of a Hangman, in the diſpatch of all but *Lolonnois* himſelf, whom he ordered to be brought to *Havana*, for a more ſplendid Execution. Therefore *Lolonnois* reſolv'd, if he could, to Triumph over the Triumphers, and to let 'em underſtand that they had reckon'd without their Hoſt. To effect his purpoſe, he firſt ſeiz'd certain Fiſhermen to ſhew him the entrance into the Port in the night time, when they came near the Ship, the Watch call'd out, *From whence their Veſſel, and whither they had ſeen any Pirates?* To which, *Lolonnois* conſtrained the Fiſhermen to anſwer, *They had ſeen no Pirates, nor any thing like a Pirate*, which lull'd the *Spaniards* into a perſuaſion that the Rovers were gone.

But the next morning by break of day, *Lolonnois* aſſail'd the Veſſel ſo vigorouſly, that notwithſtanding all the reſiſtance the *Spaniards* could make, they were forc'd to ſurrender their Ship, Hangman and all to the Victor, who after he had ſhut 'em down under Hatches, cauſed the poor wretches to be brought up one by one, to

ſatisfy his revenge with the loſs of their Heads. Amongſt the reſt, the *Negro* Hangman appeared, who begged hard for his life, whom *Lolonnois*, after he had made him confeſs as much as he deſired to know, ſent to accompany his Maſters. He reſerved only one to carry the Tidings to the Governor of *Havana* with a Meſſage alſo in writing, telling him 'That he had 'only retaliated the Kindneſs which he had 'intended for himſelf and his Friends; and 'that he hoped to execute the ſame ſen-'tence upon his Donſhip, which he had 'deſigned for his puniſhment. Aſſuring 'him that all the Mercy which he ſhould 'hereafter ſhew to any *Spaniard* whatever 'that fell into his hands, ſhould be to 'give him no Quarter. On the other ſide the Governor fretted at his loſs, foam'd at the Inſolence of the Meſſage, and ſwore in anſwer to it, 'That he would 'never give Quarter to the Pirates. But the *Spaniards*, who were ſenſible that the Pirates had a hundred more opportunities of Revenge then he, deſired him not to make ſo raſh an Oath, that would be much more to their prejudice, then that of the Pirates, who had got a trick by their Courage and Valour, to keep out of his power, ſo that upon ſecond thoughts, he thought fit to curb his paſſion, and think well of their cooler advice. In

In the mean time *Lolonnois* gave the Governor leave to *Rodomontade*, while he made merry in his Ship, which did not a little glad his heart, as being a Veſſel fit for his turn: for now he wanted nothing but more Men, and more Proviſions to viſit the Governor himſelf. To recruit himſelf therefore, after he had cruzed a while in the adjoyning Seas to little or no purpoſe, he ſteered for *Maracaibo*, where by a Wile (and policy ſometimes goes beyond ſtrength) he took a Ship laden with Plate and other Merchandiſe, to buy Cocao Nuts: And ſo ſatisfied for the preſent, he returned to *Tortuga*, where he was received with no ſmall joy by the Inhabitants, who knew it would not be long before they ſhould have their ſhare. And now ſwell'd with theſe Succeſſes, he began to meditate great Things, deſigning a Fleet that ſhould carry no leſs then 500 Men with neceſſary Proviſions, believing himſelf to be ſome petty Prince, and threatning the deſtruction of all the Sea-coſt Towns of the *Spaniſh* Dominions. Such is the hatred of thoſe that have nothing, to thoſe that are Maſters of Plenty.

CHAP. V.

Lolonnois *ſets forth a Fleet to ravage the Sea-Coaſt Towns of the* Spaniſh *Dominions, with ſtrange and diſmal Reſolutions to ſack and plunder.*

WHat Cruelties the *Spaniards* committed in their new Conquer'd Countries of *America*, is well known to all the world, by the Relations of their own Countrymen, therefore though theſe Buccaneers cannot be excus'd, yet they may be in ſome meaſure look'd upon as the ſcourges of God for the impious extirpations of thoſe poor innocent *Indians*. Well then, *Lolonnois* having theſe lofty deſigns in his head, gives notice of his Intendments to all the Pirates far and near. And now methinks I ſee 'em aſſembl'd; and now methinks I hear the great and furious *Lolonnois* ſpeaking to the liſtning and greedy Rovers like another *Agamemnon* to his

his Greeks, 'Sons of Thunder, whose da-
'ring Arms are able to pull *Jupiter* from
'his Throne, Shall we alwaies lie hunting
'paltry Fisher Boats? Have not the *Spani-*
'*ards* Towns and Cities, where Gold and
'Silver, Pearls and precious Stones lie
'Mountain high in Piles?——And now
methinks I hear the Boystrous Rout in-
terrupting him, cry out with loud Ac-
clamations, 'Long live Captain *Lolonnois*—
'The *Spaniards* tear up the Bowels of our
'Mother Earth for Gold and Silver, but
'we'l tear both from out the *Spaniards*
'bowels—— When *Lolonnois* beheld this
mischievous Unanimity among the Pi-
rates, he strook while the Iron was hot,
and hastned Contributions and Preparati-
ons with all the speed imaginable. *Mi-*
chael de Basco too, a famous Pirate, but
one that with more prudence had preser-
ved what he had got, and now liv'd at
ease, and in dignity, as being Major of the
Island, taken with the Grandure of the
Design, offer'd to joyn with *Lolonnois*,
upon Condition he might command the
Land Forces, which being agreed with
some other Covenants (as Thieves many
times far sooner cement then honest
men) a Fleet is presently got ready, and
six hundred and odd Miscreants are stow-
ed in it; all full of Hopes, and swell'd

with expectation; ſo that if you could have look'd into their Bellies, you might have ſeen whole Towns i'their Guts, for they had already ſwallow'd all the *Spaniſh America.*

All things being in a readineſs, they ſet Sail for *Bayala*, upon the North-ſide of *Hiſpaniola*, where they took in a ſupply of *French Hunters*, Volunteers, and furniſh'd themſelves with Proviſions, and other Neceſſaries, and now there is no man of Compaſſion, but would pity the poor *Diego*'s, and *Roderigoe*'s, to conſider the ſad diſaſter that threatned them.

From thence they ſet Sail to the Eaſtern *Cape* of the Iſland of *Punta d' Eſpada*, where they eſpied a Ship coming from *Porto Ricco*, bound for *New-Spain*. The *Trojans* never hoop'd ſo, when they landed in *Italy*, as the Pirates did at the ſight of that Ship, which they ſaw coming to offer itſelf as the firſt fruits of their intentended Harveſt. This Ship *Lolonnois* reſolv'd as Admiral to take alone, and therefore ordered the reſt of the Fleet to ſtay for him upon the Eaſtern ſide of the *Cape de Punta d' Eſpada.* Nor did the *Spaniards* refuſe the Combat, though they had had time ſufficient to have gotten out of the way, as being well arm'd, and well man'd. But they had better have been aſleep

asleep in their Beds. For after they had toil'd, and sweat, and fought for three hours together, all to no purpose, they were at length forc'd to submit to the Conquerour. This Ship was mounted with sixteen Guns, and had fifty fighting men to defend her; but notwithstanding all that force, she was constrained to accommodate the Victors with a hundred and twenty thousand weight of *Cocao*, forty thousand pieces of Eight, and Jewels to the value of ten thousand more. Which was all sent to be unladen at *Fortuga*, with orders to return to the Island of *Savona*, where they should be expected at the general Rendevouze.

In the mean time the rest of the Fleet in their course to *Savona*, met with another Vessel carrying from *Comana*, money to pay the Garrisons, to the Island of *Hispaniola*; which was taken without Resistance; yielding the Victors a Ship with eight Guns, seven thousand weight of Powder, and a great quantity of Muskets, with other necessaries, and twelve thousand pieces of Eight to defray Charges.

All this fell as pat as a Pudding to a Friers mouth, for now they were able to fight the *Spaniards* with their own Weapons. Great encouragements to the wicked,

wicked, who are ſoon encourag'd to do miſchief; beſides, that the Ship being return'd with recruits of Men from *Tortuga*, and their new Prize made them appear formidable. In this ſplendid condition they haſtned to *Maracaibo*. For ſeven hundred men muſt be maintain'd, and becauſe they could not maintain themſelves, therefore the *Spaniards* muſt; nor would they be charitable of themſelves, and therefore they muſt be made ſo.

This *Maracaibo* is ſeated in the Province of *Nuevavene Zela*, in twelve degrees, and ſome few minutes of Northern Latitude. The Iſland is twenty Leagues long, and twelve broad. The Gulph upon which the City ſtands, is call'd the Gulph of *Venezuela*, or Bay of *Maracaibo*; at the mouth of which lie the two Iſlands of *Vigilias*, or the *Watch Iſle*, and the Iſle *des Polomas*, or *Pigeon's Iſle*, between which two Iſlands lies the paſſage into the *Bay*. On the Weſt-ſide of this *Bay* ſtands *Maracaibo*, pleaſant to the ſight, well built along the ſhore, and containing three or four thouſand Perſons, and among them ſome eight hundred Perſons able to bear Arms. There is in it one well built Pariſh-Church, four Monaſteries, and an Hoſpital. The Trade of the Town conſiſts in Hides and Tobacco; be-

beſides, that the Inhabitants are rich in Cattel and Plantations, affording large quantities of *Cocao* Nuts, and all ſorts of Garden Fruits.

The Port of *Maracaibo* is large, and very convenient for the building of Ships, by reaſon of the great quantity of Timber eaſily tranſported thither.

Gibraltar is ſeated upon the ſame Lake ſome forty Leagues higher up in the Country; a large Place, conſiſting of about 1500 Inhabitants; of which 400 are able to carry Arms. But the greateſt part of the Inhabitants keep open Shops, where they follow ſome one Mechanick Trade or other. The Country round about it, is full of Plantations of *Sugar* and *Cocao*.

As ſoon then as *Lolonnois* was arriv'd with his Fleet in the Golph of *Venezuela*, he came to an Anchor without ken of the *Watch-Iſland*. The next day he ſet Sail for the *Bay* of *Maracaibo*, where he landed his men about a League from the Fort, which commands the Barrs, call'd *de la Barra*, which Fort is nothing elſe but ſome few Baskets of Earth plac'd upon a riſing ground, which ſerves as a Plat-form for ſixteen great Guns, ſurrounded with ſeveral heaps of Earth to cover the Defendants. The Governor of this Fort having ſpied their landing, plac'd an Ambuſh

buſh in their way, which might, perhaps, have done the Pirates ſome miſchief, but being diſcovered by them, was wholly defeated, and cut off; according to the Proverb of *harm watch, harm catch.* For the Pirates were old Birds, not to be caught with Chaff. By'r Lady that was but an ill beginning for the poor *Spaniards*, that had not met ſuch a rude company of Boyſterous Hectors never i'their lives before. *Lolonnois* having remov'd this obſtacle of an Ambuſh out of the way, march'd directly to the Caſtle, which after a conteſt of three hours, was taken by thoſe fellows, that did not fight with *Spaniſh* Gravity, but without fear or wit. Which bad ſucceſs, together with the report which the poor ſcrubs that eſcap'd from the ſlaughter of the Ambuſh, *That the Pirates were coming two thouſand ſtrong*, put the Inhabitants of *Maracaibo* into ſuch a diſorder, they made their eſcape to *Gibraltar* with all the ſpeed they could, carrying the beſt of their goods along with 'em in their *Canows*.

The Caſtle thus taken, the Ships weigh'd, and ſtood farther into the *Bay*: and the Victors march'd directly to the Town, whither the Fleet made all the haſt they could to land more men. When they came to the Town, they found the People fled, but their Houſes plentifully ſtor'd

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with Brandy, Flower, Bread, Pork, Wines, and good ſtore of Poultry; upon which they made bold to fall on, like men that had been thraſhing hard a day or two before: ſo they fed like Miſers when they come to a Banket Free-coſt. Having thus repleniſh'd their Bodies with corporal food, they poſſeſs'd themſelves of all the beſt Houſes in the Town, plac'd their Sentries, and took up the Church for their Main-Guard. For though they got never ſo many Victories, they never troubled themſelves with Thanksgiving days, nor would their buſineſs permit 'em to keep one day in ſeven. After which, they ſent out a detachment of Men into the Woods, to find out the Inhabitants; who return'd the ſame night with 2000 pieces of Eight, ſeveral Mules laden with Houſhold Goods and Merchandiſe, and twenty Priſoners, whom they put to the Rack, as their Fore-fathers had ſerv'd the *Indians* before, to make them confeſs the reſt of their hidden Treaſure; but they could get little out of 'em. Which put *Lolonnois* into ſuch a Rage, that he who made no more of murthering *Spaniards*, then of killing Sprats, preſently drew his Cutlace, and cut one before the reſt, as ſmall as minc'd meat, threatning to ſerve all the others ſo, if they did not re-

reveal where the remainder of their Treaſure lay. Upon which, one there was who promis'd to conduct him where he ſhould find what he look'd for: but the Diſcovery being timely known, the *Spaniards* remov'd their Bodies, and buried their Wealth under ground, ſo that the Pirates were forc'd to be contented above the Earth.

Having ſtayed about 15 days at *Maracaibo*, they reſolv'd to viſit *Gibraltar*, having embark'd all their Priſoners, and the wealth which they had plunder'd; for the Pirates were under ſuſpicions, that the Inhabitants of *Maracaibo* had carried all their Wealth, pretended to be hidden, to that place.

The Inhabitants of *Gibraltar* having notice of this deſign of the Pirates upon their Perſons and Purſes, ſent to the Governor of *Merida*, who being an old *Flandrian* Soldier, came to their aſſiſtance with 400 men, who together with the Inhabitants, made up a body of 800 fighting Soldiers. Nor did he omit any thing that was neceſſary, by raiſing batteries to prevent their landing, and guard the Avenues to the Town. He ſtopp'd up the common way to the Town, and open'd another, which was all mire and dirt, and full in the teeth of a battery of eight Guns. Of all

all which preparations the Pirates knew nothing, ſo that they embarked for *Gibraltar*, as to a certain Fair. But when they came within ſight of the Town, they ſaw the Royal Standard hanging forth, and perceiv'd the people in a poſture to defend themſelves.

Lolonnois, whoſe courage Dangers rather whetted than appall'd, finding the *Spaniards* reſolv'd not to part with their Lives and Eſtates by fair means, reſolv'd not to be ſcare-crow'd away however, but to make an Experiment what he could do by compulſion. Thereupon he calls a Council of War to conſult upon the matter: There he gave the Officers and Seamen to underſtand the difficulty of the Enterprize, in regard the *Spaniards* had had ſo much time to make proviſion againſt their coming. However, ſaid he, courage my heart of Oak--Shall we fear Men, that fear not Heaven nor Hell? No, Hell nor Death can be to us like loſing that beloved Booty that we have purchas'd with ſo much toil and labour. Then let's not ſeek to preſerve our Lives we value leſs, to loſe our Gold and Silver, which we value more. Follow then the Example of your Leader, and let not their numbers daunt us. For 'tis not number, but an obſtinate Reſolution to die, which

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ſignifies nothing, or overcome, and then you are Princes that does the work. Inflam'd with this Martial Harangue, they promis'd to follow him, though he led them to ſtorm the Palace of *Philus* the God of Riches himſelf. Since then ye have promis'd, I expect performance to the utmoſt; nor ſhall I ſpare to piſtol with my own hands him that leaves both me and his own courage in the lurch.

Thus reſolv'd, they landed next morning by break of day, to the number of three hundred eighty Men, well arm'd with Cutlaces and Piſtols; at what time the Brethren in iniquity ſhook hands again, like Knights of *Rhodes*, vowing to live and die together. Which Ceremony perform'd, away they march'd with the help of a Guide whom they had provided, who leading them right, brought them to the way that was obſtructed; upon which they were forc'd to take the other paſſage that was open'd among the Woods, all mire and durty, where though the Enemy fir'd at 'em with that fury, that they could neither hear nor ſee, yet the undaunted Sons of *Hercules*, by cutting down branches of Trees, made their paſſage over the Durt and ſinking Mire, and with the ſame boldneſs adventur'd up to the Battery which defended the Poſt.

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Which having ſpit all its venom of ſmall ſhot, & pieces of Iron, the *Spaniards* ſally'd forth with that fury and number, that they put the Pirates to a ſtand. Thereupon they retreated to find out ſome other way, but could find none: at length after they had made two or three Attempts more in the firſt place in vain, *Lolonnois* bethought himſelf of an old ſtratagem that did his work. For ſuddenly retiring, he made a ſhew of flight, which the *Spaniards* perceiving, ſally'd forth in great diſorder to purſue the Fugitives. But when the Pirates had drawn the unwary *Spaniards* far enough from their Batteries, they turn'd head of a ſudden, and ſlew two hundred *Spaniards* before a Cat could lick her Ear; and preſently poſſeſſed themſelves of the Batteries, the *Spaniards* without, not thinking it ſafe to come in again, and thoſe that were within, believing it more convenient to ſurrender upon Quarter for their Lives, than to contend any longer with ſuch politick ſwath-bucklers. The *Terwagaunts* thus Maſters of the Town, pull'd down the *Spaniſh*, and ſet up their own Colours, remov'd the Guns from the Batteries to the Great Church, where they fortified themſelves, while others fell to taking of priſoners. Of the *Spaniards* were ſlain above

above five hundred, beſides thoſe that were wounded, and died in the Woods. Of the Pirates only forty ſlain, and forty wounded, who had as good have been ſlain, becauſe they all died of their wounds. As for their own Dead, they were ſo kind as to give 'em decent Burial; but for the *Spaniards*, they flung them into the Sea, and ſent them by water to Purgatory. Which done, they fell to their Calling; plundering, rifling, ranſacking all that they could lay their hands on. For there are no men more methodical than Pirates, firſt kill, then take; which order if they ſhould not obſerve, they might chance to go without their Booty. Nor did the Pillage of the Town ſerve their turns; they went and plunder'd all the Planters in the Country round about. For as their Fury was irreſiſtible, ſo their Avarice was unſatiable. Whether they would have hack'd and hew'd ſo ſtoutly for the defence of their Prince and Country, is the Queſtion. But certainly Men could never fight better than theſe fellows that fought for their own Intereſt. So that this was to be accounted ſavage Fury, rather than Courage; a-la-mode of Beaſt of the Forreſt, whoſe wrath is not to be oppoſed in their hunger. Never did the *Spaniards* feel

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better Carvers of Mans-fleſh; they would take off a Mans Arm at the ſhoulders, as ye cut off the Wing of a Capon; ſplit a *Spaniſh* Mazard as exactly as a Butcher cleaves a Calf's Head, and diſſect the *Thorax* with more dexterity than a Hangman when he goes to take out the Heart of a Traitor.

However, it could not be true Valour, becauſe it wanted Generoſity; for they ſuffered their priſoners to ſtarve to death, not allowing them any thing but the fleſh of Horſes and Aſſes to feed on. Or if they were kind to any, it was only to the Women, whom they fed ſomewhat better, to ſupply the fury of their Venereal Extravagancies. And then for Auricular Confeſſion, they extorted it with that cruelty, that generally the people died under the Tortures of their Function. For all were ſinners that deſerv'd condemnation without mercy, who would not, or could not diſcover where their own or their neighbours Treaſure lay hid.

At length, after they had been in the Town four whole weeks together, acting the part of Devils rather than Men, they ſent four of their priſoners to demand a ſum of money to redeem their Town from Burning, no leſs than ten thouſand pieces of Eight; for the bringing in of which

which they allow'd no longer time than two days, knowing that delays bred danger. Which being paſt, and the ſum not paid, they began to enlighten the underſtandings of the people with the flames of their Habitations; ſo that the poor *Spaniards* perceiving they would be ſometimes as good as their words even to their Enemies, were forc'd to pay the ſum demanded. However, they could not ſave the Church belonging to the Monaſtery, which was burnt down to the ground.

From *Gibraltar* they return'd to give a ſecond Viſit to *Maracaibo*, demanding thirty thouſand pieces of Eight to redeem their Town from total Deſtruction. Such exact Chymiſts they were, that they knew how to make uſe of Fire, much better than our doating Mountebanks, to extract the Philoſophers Stone, and their *Aurum Potabile*, where they had the power in their hands. The people willing to do their utmoſt to be rid of ſuch mercileſs Quacks, ſent ſome perſons to treat with them about their Demands, which while they were doing, another party went aſhore, and fetch'd away the Images, Bells, and Pictures of the Great Church. For as they were no Saints themſelves, ſo they could endure no Superſtition in others. At length the Treaty was concluded, and Peace

Peace was granted for that time to the poor Town of *Maracaibo*, for twenty thouſand pieces of Eight, and five hundred Cows; which when they had receiv'd, they ſet ſail with their whole Fleet to the unſpeakable Joy of the Inhabitants.

From thence they ſteer'd to *Hiſpaniola*, and came to an Anchor in *Cow-Iſland*, or *Ila de la Vaca*, poſſeſs'd for the moſt part inhabited by *French Buccaneers*, where they unladed their whole *Cargo*, and made a Dividend according to the method already deſcrib'd. Their whole Booty in ready money amounted to 260000 pieces of Eight, beſides uncoyn'd Plate and Jewels to a vaſt ſum, and Linnen, Silk, and ſeveral other Commodities, which were all divided according to the exquiſite Juſtice among themſelves, as well to thoſe that were ſlain and wounded in the Service as to the Living, not omitting peculiar Rewards for ſignal Actions. But all this Maſs of Wealth, the Stews and Taverns ſoon devour'd according to Cuſtom, inſomuch that in a ſhort time they were conſtrain'd to bethink themſelves where to get more.

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CHAP. VI.

Lolonnois *prepares to assail the City of St.* James de Leon, *and the Town of* Nicaragua, *which proves fatal to him.*

THis last expedition you may be sure had won *Lolonnois* a high Esteem among those Devils Incarnate. So that there was no great fear but that he might have men enough as bad as himself, to follow such a Champion when ever he held up his finger. For every one repos'd such a confidence in his Conduct, for seeking their Fortunes, that they thought themselves secure under his Banners. Thereupon he publish'd his design upon *Nicaragua*; which being known, he was immediately furnished with seven hundred men, which he dispos'd into six Ships. With this Fleet he steer'd away, and took his Provisions in at *Bayaha* in *Hispaniola*, which done, away they Sailed to *Matamana*, to the South of *Cuba*, to furnish them-

themſelves with the poor Fiſhermens Canows, which are very numerous in thoſe parts to ſerve them in ſhallow waters. From thence they went to *Gracias a Dios* in fifteen degrees of Northern latitude, where they met with ſuch a tedious Calm, that by the meer motion of the waves, they were thrown into the Gulph of *Honduras*, where in regard they began to want Victuals, they reſolv'd with their *Canows* to enter the River of *Xagua*, inhabited by the *Indians*, whom they plunder'd and deſtroyed meerly for the ſake of their Millet, Hens and Hogs, for they thought it no more Charity to knock the *Indians* on the head, then that they ſhould ſtarve for want of their uſual Diet. And becauſe they would not be idle while the calm weather laſted, knowing that of Idleneſs came no good, they reſolved to keep their hands in uſe, by pillaging all the Towns & Villages that lay along the Coaſt of that Gulph, which they did to get Proviſions for the accompliſhment of their deſigns, without going to Market. To which purpoſe, having rifled ſeveral Villages, as they took 'em in their way, at laſt they came to *Pucerto Cavallo*, where the *Spaniards* had two Store-houſes for the Commodities which they bought up higher in the Country, till the arrival of

the Ships that carried them off. Their Fortune gave them a bleſſed opportunity to ſeize a Ship mounted with 24 Guns, and ſixteen Mortar-pieces, a great addition to their ſtrength, which they made bold with, never troubling themſelves to condemn it in their Admiralty. But for the Store-houſes, they burnt 'em, condemned by their Laws for being empty at that time, as they did all the Houſes in the ſame place for the ſame Crime. Several of the Inhabitants they took Priſoners, to be the ſport of their Inſolence, and more then Heatheniſh Cruelties, if you will allow them to be Chriſtians; which 'tis thought you may chuſe whether you will or no. For it was a cuſtom of *Lolonnois*, after he had tormented any perſons that either would not, or could not confeſs, immediately to mince 'em in pieces with his Hanger, and then pull out their Tongues, leſt their Cries ſhould aſcend to Heaven; which was a kindneſs he profeſs'd to owe to all the *Spaniards* in the world out of his natural affection to that Nation.

Having thus almoſt annihilated all their Priſoners excepting two, whom they preſerved for diſcoveries, they march'd on to *Santo Piedro*, ten leagues diſtant, three hundred ſtrong, led by *Lolonnois* himſelf. By that time they had march'd

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three leagues, they met with an ambuſh of *Spaniards*, whom they totally defeated with the loſs of moſt of the party, putting the Priſoners to tormenting deaths, without Compaſſion, after they had ask'd 'em what Queſtions they thought fit for their purpoſe: fulfilling the Proverb, confeſs and be hang'd, *Lolonnois* found by ſome of their anſwers, that the *Spaniards* attended him in other places as he was to paſs forward, thinking to exhauſt his force, by fighting him in ſeveral parties. Therefore he commanded them to ſhew him another way; which becauſe the poor wretches could not do, he ſlit open the breaſt of one of his Priſoners, and pulling out his heart, gnawed it for very vexation with his Cannibals Teeth. By which he perceived there was no other way to the Wood; ſo that he was forc'd to proceed.

The next day he met with another party of *Spaniards*, which he aſſail'd with that deſperate fury, that in leſs then an hours time, he ſent the greateſt part to the other world. In that, appearing to be pretty honeſt, for he was downright with the *Spaniards*, what they muſt truſt to, if they came in his way: ſo that it was their own fault if they did not beware by other mens harms. As it happened to a third Ambuſcade, both

ſtronger, and more advantageouſly plac'd then the former. But the Pirates threw ſuch a number of *Tewksbury* Muſtard-balls among 'em, that they ſoon ſing'd them out of their faſtneſſes, put them into diſorder, and then according to their uſual cuſtom kill'd and wounded the greateſt part of them before they could reach the Town. When they came near to the Town, they found but one path to it, and that ſtrongly barricado'd: the other parts of the Town were ſurrounded with certain ſhrubs call'd *Raqueltes*, full of thorns, and very ſharp pointed, *R.* like *Paliſado*'s; behind which, the Inhabitants ply'd 'em with their great Guns. But *Raqueltes* them no *Raqueltes*'s; for ſo ſoon as they ſaw the Enemy begin to fire, down they popp'd, till the ſhot was over, then with their Cutlaces hacking down the *Raqueltes*, and with hand Granado's and Piſtols, falling in cloſe with the amazed *Spaniards*, they hardly miſs'd a ſhot. So that the *Spaniards* were forced to hang out a white Flag, and ſurrendred upon Condition, only to have Quarter but for two hours. In which ſhort ſpace the Inhabitants carried away what they could, and fled to the Neighbouring Towns. But after the two hours were expir'd (for give the Devil his due, they kept their words according to

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their agreement.) *Lolonnois* ſent Meſſengers of his own after them, to bring back not only their Goods, but their Perſons to boot; though however they did it, they had made a ſhift to ſave the greateſt part of their Merchandize of moſt value.

Having ſtaid in this Town ſome few days, and got all they could ſcrape together, they burnt it to aſhes, and haſted to the Sea-ſide, where they found ſome of their Companions that had not been idle, but had ſufficiently preyed upon the Fiſhermen that lived there about, or came from the River of *Guatimala*. And ſo having done as much miſchief as it was poſſible for them to do in theſe parts, they reſolv'd for the Iſlands on the other ſide of the Gulph, there to cleanſe and careen their Veſſels, but chiefly for Proviſion, knowing that the Tortoiſes of thoſe places were pleaſant and excellent Diet.

They had no ſooner refitted their Ships, but they heard of a Ship that was arriv'd from *New-Spain* upon the Coaſt where they had been plundring. Thereupon they made haſt to the Port, where the Ship lay at Anchor, and was unlading the Merchandiſe which it had brought thither, unhappy tidings, which made them redouble their ſpeed. However they could not make ſuch haſt, but that they

in the Ship had notice of their coming, ſo that they were prepared to receive them, being mounted with 42 Guns, and mann'd with a hundred and thirty fighting Seamen, which *Lolonnois* look'd upon as nothing. Therefore with no more then his ownShip, that carried only twenty two Guns, and a Fly-boat, he fell upon his prey. But the *Spaniards* gave him ſuch a warm entertainment, that he was forced to retire for a while. But that was only to return again with greater force and ſtratagem together. For upon the ſecond aſſault, in the midſt of the thick miſt, which the Powder made, he ſent four Canows well mann'd, who boarded the Ship on both ſides with that nimble fury, that the *Spaniards* were forc'd to knock under board. But the Ship being taken, they found not in her what they expected, only fifty bars of Iron, a ſmall parcel of paper, and ſome earthen Jars of Wine, which, as it vex'd *Lolonnois* to the heart, ſo it plagued the reſt of the Company to the very Guts, and made a great Fraction among the Honourable Society.

For preſently after, *Lolonnois* call'd a Council of War, where after he had given Fortune a volley of Oaths, he bid 'em however not deſpair, promiſing them Mountains of Gold at *Guatimala*, whither he

he propos'd to go. Some lik'd his proposal, others not. Especially the young Traders in Piracy, who were disheartned to find that pieces of Eight were not to be gathered off the Trees in the *Spanish* Dominions like *Cocao* Nuts. So that they quitted the Fleet, and return'd home. Only some few there were, who vowed rather to die, then return back empty fisted, alledging they could not look their Wenches in the face without their Pockets full of *Spanish* Gold.

Thus was the unfortunate *Lolonnois* forsaken by the major part of his Crew, and among the rest, by *Moses Vanclein*, one of the chief Swash-bucklers of the whole Gang, and *Peter of Picardy*, another Sea-Royster, who seeing Fortune frown on *Lolonnois*, thought it high time to desert the deserted.

These two Spit-fires in their way to *Tortuga*, coasted along the Continent, till they came to *Veragnas*, which Town they got, and after they had ransack'd every corner of it, set it on fire; but the mischief they did, was more then the Booty they got, and they return'd home to ban Fortune for her shrewish unkindness.

As for abandon'd *Lolonnois*, he remain'd in the Gulph of *Honduras*, cursing all the Whores in the world for Fortunes sake,

where he ſuſtained great want of all ſorts of Proviſions, ſo that they were forced to kill Monkeys for their ſuſtenance. At laſt coming to the Iſland *de las Pertas*, his Ship fell upon a bank of Sand, where it ſtuck ſo faſt, as if ſhe had been nailed to the bottom of the Sea, ſo that they were conſtrain'd to break the Ship in pieces, and with the Planks, and ſome of the Nails, to build themſelves a Boat, to get away from that unfortunate place.

When their long Boat was finiſh'd, it was reſolved they ſhould go to the River of *Nicaragua*, to ſeize ſome more Canows, to fetch away the reſt of their Crew, in regard the Boat would not hold them all, and to avoid diſputes, they caſt lots which ſhould be the Perſons.

The lot fell upon *Lolonnois*, and one half of the reſt, who in a few days arriv'd at the River of *Nicaragua* before mentioned; but now the reward of all his mercileſs Cruelties began to tumble thick upon him. For there he met with his Matches, a numerous body of *Indians* and *Spaniards*, who entertain'd him ſo roughly, that they ſlew the greateſt number of his Companions, ſo that he, and thoſe that remain'd alive, had much ado to eſcape. But notwithſtanding his loſs, the Devil ſtill owing him a farther ſpight, he re-

resolv'd not to return to his fellows, till he had taken some Boats, such as he look'd for; which made him determine to proceed farther to the Coasts of *Cartagena*. In his way he landed upon the *Indians* of *Darien*, a sort of Savages like himself, by whom, the term of his violent Inhumanities being expired, he was taken Prisoner, and torn limb from limb alive; after which, they threw the dismembered pieces of his body into the fire, and scattered the ashes in the air, that no Trace or Monument might remain, that ever any such inhumane Monster had a Being. This you'l say was notably designed by the *Indians*; but such is the course of the world, that Infamy will live as well as the better sort of Fame. As it happens now to this most ignominious *Lolonnois*, who as long as this History of his life and death remains, will never be forgotten.

As for those that remain'd in the Island *de las Pertas*, waiting for the return of those who cast Lots, and were favour'd by fortune to their own destruction, they hearing no news of their Captain, nor his Companions, embark'd themselves at last in a Ship of a certain Pirate, who happen'd to pass that way. That special stick of wood came from *Jamaica*, with an intent to land at *Gracias a Dios*, and from thence

to mount up the River with their *Canows*, with an intent to ſurprize *Cartagena*. And now theſe two parcels of Brethren in wickedneſs being joyn'd together, you would not think how they ſang Old Roſe for joy. The one finding themſelves deliver'd from their miſery and poverty, wherein they had by that time waſted ten entire months; and the other becauſe they were now conſiderably ſtrengthen'd for deſigns of greater moment, than before they could propoſe to themſelves.

Thereupon they all put themſelves into their *Canows*, and ſo mounted up the River to the number of five hundred Manſlayers, leaving only a ſmall Guard for their Ships. Nor did they take any proviſions along with them, believing they ſhould find enough provided at other peoples coſt, which was never intended for them. But theſe great Expectations of theirs utterly deceiv'd them. For the *Indians* having notice of their coming, had clear'd the Coaſt all along, leaving their Neſts empty: So that they were reduc'd to ſuch neceſſity and hunger, that they were forc'd to feed upon ſuch homely Sallads as they found growing upon the Banks of the River, without thoſe pleaſing additions of Oil and hard Eggs.

But this Horſe-diet afforded ſo little nou-

nouriſhment to their hot ſtomachs, that their hearts as well as ſtrength began to fail them. So that after they had rang'd the Woods and Villages up higher in the Country, in ſearch of that relief which was not to be found, they were conſtrain'd to return back to the Sea Coaſts, where they left their Ships; yet ſo diſtreſſed in that laborious and tireſom march, that many of them ate their own Shoes, the Sheaths of their Swords and Knives, and ſome like Rats fed upon their own cloaths, eating the covers of their nakedneſs, leſt they ſhould have no nakedneſs to cover; and well it was they met with none of the *Indians*, which certainly had they ſo done, they had certainly gone to pot, to attone the fury of their craving Maws. At length they arriv'd at the Sea Coaſt, where they found ſome relief of their former miſeries, and means to get more; however, the greateſt part of them periſhed through faintneſs, and other diſeaſes contracted by a tedious Famine, which was the reaſon that the remaining part thought it convenient to diſperſe.

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CHAP. VII.

Of the Famous Exploits, and Remarkable Actions of Capt. H. Morgan.

WE are now to tell of Actions more humane, and more agreeable to the temper of Men truly valiant. This perſon having ſerv'd his Time at the *Barbado's*, after he got his Liberty, tranſported himſelf to *Jamaica*, where he found two Veſſels of Sparks that were going to ſeek their Fortunes, which he thought a very good opportunity for himſelf to do the ſame. Thereupon he got into the Society, and in a ſhort time learnt the Trade ſo exactly, that after he had made three or four Voyages with ſome profit and ſucceſs, he agreed with ſome of his Comrades with a joynt ſtock to buy a Ship. And ſuch was the eſteem which the reſt had of him, that they agreed to ſubmit to him as their Captain.

With this Ship he ſet forth from *Jamaica*, with an intention to cruze upon the Coaſts of *Campeche*, in which Voyage he

he had the good fortune to take ſeveral prizes, with which he returned triumphant to his firſt Port.

At his return he met with an Old Gameſter, whoſe name was *Mansfeildt*, of whom mention has already been made, who was at the ſame time ſetting out a conſiderable Fleet, with a deſign to land upon the Continent, and make Booty of all that came in his way. This *Mansfeildt* ſeeing C. *M.* return with ſo many prizes, judg'd him to be what he was, a perſon of courage and conduct, and therefore choſe him for his Vice-Admiral. And thus having fitted out fifteen Ships great and ſmall, they ſet ſail from *Jamaica* with five hundred Men, part *Walloons*, part *French*.

The firſt place where they landed was the Iſland of St. *Katherines* in twelve degrees and a half of Northern Latitude, near the Continent of *Coſta Ricca*. There in a ſhort time they forc'd the Garriſon to ſurrender, and to deliver into their hands all the other Forts belonging to it. All which they demoliſh'd but only one, where they put a Garriſon of their own, and all the Slaves they had taken from the *Spaniards*. For it was not reaſonable that they ſhould keep Slaves, who were now Slaves themſelves. Having ſo done, they

they passed over by the help of a Bridge, which they made in a few days into another Island close adjoyning, you may be sure by the story, to that of St. *Catherines*, and so having destroyed and ruined both the Islands with Fire and Sword after they had left all necessary Orders with their Garrison, they put forth to Sea again, with the *Spaniards* they had taken prisoners, whom they afterwards set ashoar near *Puerto Velo*, and then fell to cruzing upon the Coast of *Costa Ricta*, with a design to plunder all the Towns in those parts, and so to go forward to *Nata*. But hearing that the Governour of *Panama* was coming on to encounter them with a numerous Force, and seeing the whole Country alarum'd, they retir'd with all speed, and return'd to St. *Catherines*, where they found that the Governour of the Garrison had not only put the great Island into a good posture of defence, but had advanc'd several Plantations in the lesser, sufficient to revictual the whole Fleet upon occasion, which made *Mansfeildt* desirous to take a Lease of those two Islands lying so near the *Spanish* Dominions, without sealing Indentures or paying Rent, whether the *Spaniards* would or no; but the Governour of *Jamaica*, not liking his Proposal, he went

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to *Tortuga* to ſee what Aſſiſtance he could get there for the ſame purpoſe: But there Death took him in Execution at Natures Suit, and carry'd him away to Goal, ſo that he was never heard of more.

In the mean time, Monſieur *Simon*, who was left Governour of St. *Catherines* by the Pirates, hearing no News of *Manſfeildt*, receiv'd a Summons from the Governour of *Coſta Ricca*, to deliver up the two Iſlands to his Catholick Majeſty; for he did not like him for a Neighbour by no means, promiſing withal, if he would ſurrender them fairly without thumps and knocks, a good reward; but Death and the Cobler was to be his doom, if he held out to extremity. Monſieur *Simon* to this return'd an Anſwer bold enough, if words would have done it, that he would rather die than ſurrender. Whereupon the *Spaniards* much more potent than he, landed in ſpite of his teeth, and after as ſtout a defence as his number could make, and the loſs of moſt of his Men, forc'd him to ſurrender upon the ſame terms it had been delivered by the *Spaniards*. There was found upon the Iſland eight hundred pound of Powder, two hundred and fifty *l.* of ſmall Bullets, & ſome other proviſions of War. Soon after the Iſland was taken, appear'd an *Engliſh* Veſſel,

Vessel, which being seen at a distance, Monsieur *Simon* was sent to decoy it into the Port, as if it had been still in the Pirates possession, which he perform'd, because he could not help it, with a perfect fidelity to the loss of fourteen Men, one Woman and her Daughter, which it seems were sent from *Jamaica*, to stock this new Plantation. Thus far there was no great harm done; the King of *Spain* had his Mare again, and all's well.

CHAP. VIII.

Captain Morgan *attempts to preserve the Isle of* St. Catherines, *but fails of his Design. He takes* Puerto del Principe.

CAptain *Morgan* finding that his Predecessor *Mansfeildt* was dead, us'd all his Endeavours imaginable to preserve the Island of St. *Catherines*, by reason of the conveniency of its Situation to infest the *Spaniards*. To which purpose he wrote to several Merchants in *Virginia* and *New-England*, to send provisions and other necessary

ceſſary things to ſecure and ſtrengthen the Iſland againſt all hopes of ever being retaken, together with ſome chaſt Women for procreation. But all theſe thoughts and cares were laid aſide, when he heard it was ſurrender'd back to the *Spaniards*; and thereupon he put himſelf upon other new Deſigns. To which purpoſe he ſail'd away to the Iſland of *Cuba*, in hopes to reinforce his number as he paſs'd along.

Cuba is a fertile and pleaſant Iſland, in length an hundred and fifty *German* Leagues, and forty in breadth, in twenty and twenty three degrees of Northern Latitude. It is ſurrounded with a great number of ſmall Iſlands, by the name of *Los Caos*, of which the Pirates make as great uſe as of their own proper Ports, where they generally keep their Rendevouze, and hold their Councils of War, where with moſt advantage to aſſail the *Spaniards*. This great Iſland is water'd with divers fair and large Rivers, then Entrances in which form ſeveral commodious Havens. Of which the moſt remarkable on the South ſide *Sant Jago*, *Rayame*, *Santa Maria*, *Spirito Santo*, *Trinidad*, *Xagua*, and *Cabo de Corrientes*. To the North, *La Havana*, *Puerto Mariano*, *Santa Cruz*, *Mata Ricos*, and *Barracoa*.

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There are besides two Principal Cities which govern the whole Island; *Sant Jago* to the South, with a Bishop & a Governour extending their Jurisdiction over the one half of the Island; the chief Trade of the City being Tobacco, Sugar and Hides.

The other is the City of *Havana*, one of the most famous and strongest places in the *West-Indies*, governing the other half of the Island. It is defended by three Castles, large and strong, and contains about ten thousand Families; and here the Plate-Fleet touches, homeward bound for *Spain*, to take in the rest of their Cargo, as Hides, Tobacco, and *Campeche* Wood.

Captain *Morgan* had not been above two months in the South Ports of the Island before he had got together a Fleet of twelve sail, and about seven hundred Men, part *English*, part *French*. Being thus reinforc'd, they call'd a Council (for 'tis good to do nothing rashly) what Enterprize to undertake. The bolder sort were for assaulting the City of *Havana* it self under the shelter of the night. But that proposal being rejected as an attempt of too great difficulty, they concluded to pour all their Force upon *Puerto del Principe*, whose Inhabitants were look'd upon to be very rich, as driving a ready money

Trade

Trade with *Havana*, and for that the Town had never yet experienc'd the Courteſies of the Pirates, being at a diſtance from the Sea. This being therefore reſolv'd upon, away they ſteer'd to the Coaſts that were neareſt to it, and came to an Anchor in the Bay of *Puerto de Santa Maria*, where it fell out unluckily for their Deſign, that a *Spaniſh* priſoner ſwam aſhoar in the night time, and gave Intelligence to the Town of their approach; which caus'd the *Spaniard* immediately to hide their Wealth, and carry away their moveable goods. The Governour alſo arm'd all the people of the Town, both Freemen and Slaves, cut down the Trees, and laid ſeveral Ambuſcado's in their way.

But Captain *Morgan* finding the ordinary paſſages to the Town impaſſable, took another way, cutting his paſſage thorow a Wood, and by that means eſcaping the Ambuſcado's, got ſafe to the Plain that lies before the Town call'd *La Savana* or the Sheet. The Governour ſeeing his new Gueſts come, ſent a Party of Horſe to welcom them into the Country, thinking to over-run them immediately; but the Pirates maintain'd their Order ſo exactly, and made ſuch a dextrous uſe of their Fire-Arms, that the poor *Spaniards* dropt

dropt from their Horſes like rotten Pears, with their Governour for one; which made the reſt turn tail, thinking to flie to the Woods for Refuge; but ere they could reach their Sanctuaries, they were moſt of them cut off, with very little loſs to their Adverſaries, who now enter'd the Town, where the Inhabitants defended themſelves like the true Race of the *Goths & Vandals* for a time. But hearing the dreadful Menaces of the Foe, who threaten'd to fire the Town, and chop their Wives and Children as ſmall as Herbs to the Pot, if they did not preſently ſurrender; they preſently ſurrender'd at diſcretion.

Having thus got poſſeſſion of the Town, they lock'd up all the *Spaniards*, with their Wives and Children, in the ſeveral Churches, and there leaving them to their Prayers and Devotions, they fell to their own buſineſs of plundering and ranſacking, not only the Town, but the Country round about; from whence they brought in daily great ſtore of goods, priſoners, and proviſion, with which they made good cheer, and feaſted themſelves, but never remember'd the poor priſoners, who ſtarv'd in the Churches for hunger. Nor did the Pirates think they could die in a better place; beſides that, their Graves

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were at hand; the Women alſo ran the ſame hard fortune. From whence you may eaſily gheſs they were none of the handſomeſt.

At length finding no more to plunder, and that proviſions grew ſcarce, they thought it high time to break up houſe-keeping. However, before they went, they laid two Taxes upon the people; the firſt to redeem themſelves from being tranſported to *Jamaica*, and the ſecond to preſerve the Town from being reduc'd into Aſhes. For this the unfortunate *Spaniards* earneſtly begg'd ſome time, which was generouſly granted: But the Pirates having after that, intercepted a *Negro* with Letters from the Governor of St. *Jago*, exhorting them not to make too much haſt to pay their Ranſoms, in regard he was preparing to come to their relief, the Captain was fain to be contented with a Preſent of five hundred Beeves, and ſalt proportionable, to be carried aboard by themſelves, ſince they could not pay the Porters: and when they were aboard, the *Spaniards* were made to help, kill, and ſalt the meat to boot.

After this, they parted from *Puerto del Principe*, and ſteered to a certain Iſland, where they made a dividend of the purchaſe, which amounted to about fifty thou-

thousand pieces of Eight in Mony and Goods. But when they came to cast up their Accounts, and found the smallness of the sum not enough to pay their debts, the lean mischief they had done, not only caus'd great sorrow and tribulation, but great confusion among 'em. Captain *Morgan* propounded to seek out for a fatter Purchase, but the *French* not agreeing complacently with the *English*, were for going by themselves, and seeking their own Fortunes; with which resolution they parted company, and left Captain *Morgan*, not in the suds, but alone with those of his own Nation; so that he was for the present constrain'd to return to *Jamaica*.

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CHAP. IX.

Captain Morgan *attacks* Puerto Velo, *and takes it with little Expence, and a small Force.*

YOU are not to think, because the *French* had forsaken the *English*, that therefore the *English* had forsaken themselves. They that did so, were mistaken. For such was the Bravery of Captain *Morgan*, that he infused courage with his words, and infused such spirits into his Men, that they were already eager after new designs, out of a persuasion that the execution of his Orders, was the only way to obtain a sufficient Booty. Of this Opinion was a certain Pirate of *Campechy*, who at the same time joined with Captain *Morgan*, to seek for better advantages under his Conduct, then he had met with from his own.

By this means Captain *Morgan* in a few days gathered together a Fleet of nine Sail, what with Ships, and what with great

great Boats, mann'd with four hundred and fourſcore Seamen. All things being ready, they put forth to Sea, directing their courſe to the Continent, and arriving ſafe upon the Coaſt of *Coſta Ricca*. There Captain *Morgan* diſcovered his Intentions to the reſt of the Captains and Seamen to plunder *Puerto Velo*, in the night-time, which he thought the more eaſy to do, in regard it was impoſſible the Enemy could have now any notice of their coming. Some objected, that they had not a ſufficient number of men; to which Captain *Morgan* reply'd, That what they wanted in men, they had in Hearts and Courage; and that the fewer they were, the more and better would be their ſhares. By which arguments, eſpecially the latter, they reſolved to follow their Captain to *Puerto Velo*, though it ſtood at the bottom of Hell.

This City is ſeated in the Province of *Coſta Ricca* in ten degrees of Northern Latitude, fourteen Leagues from the Gulph of *Darien*, and eight from *Nombre de Dios*; and is eſteemed the ſtrongeſt place in the *Weſt-Indies*, excepting *Havana* and *Cartagena*. It is defended by two Caſtles ſeated at the mouth of the Haven, to hinder the entrance of any Ships. The Garriſon conſiſts of three hun-

hundred men, beſides four hundred Families in the Town. And though the chief Merchants dwell at *Panama*, yet their Storehouſes are here, whither they bring their wealth, to be ready againſt the Ships come in.

Captain *Morgan* knowing well all the Avenues to the City, arriv'd in the dusk of the evening at *Puerto Naos*, ten leagues diſtant from *Puerto Velo* to the Weſt. From thence they Sailed up the River as far as *Puerto Pontin*. There they put themſelves immediately into their Boats, leaving only a few men for the guard of their Ships, and to Sail them the next day to the Port. About midnight they landed at a place called *Eſtera longa Lemos*, and march'd from thence by land to the firſt Poſts of the City. To which, as ſoon as they approach'd, they ſent three or four before hand, and among the reſt, an *Engliſhman*, who had been a Priſoner in the Town formerly, to ſeize or kill the Sentinel. They ſeiz'd him ſo dextrouſly, that he had not time to ſcare a Mouſe, and brought him bound to the Captain, who with many ſevere threats and menaces, examined him to ſuch particulars as he deſired to know.

Being come to the Caſtle next the City, they preſently begirt it ſo cloſe, that no

man could get in or out: & by the mouth of the Centry demanded preſent poſſeſſion of the Caſtle, or elſe to be cut all into Raſhers. But the *Spaniards* being upon the defye, the Guns of the Caſtle began to open, like ſo many Blood-Hounds, which alarum'd the City. However, the noble Sparks of *Venus*, well knowing their buſineſs admitted no delay, and ſo beſtirred their ſtumps, that they preſently conſtrained the Caſtle to ſurrender, and according to their promiſes, put all the *Spaniards* to the Sword, to the end the *Spaniards* might truſt 'em another time. But now I remember me, they did not put 'em to the Sword, but ſhut 'em up all together in a Room, and then blew 'em up every Mothers Son, Caſtle and all into the Air, Which was much the better way of the two. Then falling into the Town, which was not yet prepar'd for their entertainment, they fell, ſome to ſecuring the Lay Inhabitants, others to prevent the Eccleſiaſticks from hiding their Treaſure.

The Governor finding he was not able to rally the Citizens, retired into the remaining Caſtle, and thence fired upon the Pirates that were hard at their Devotions. Thereupon they ceaſed from their preſent employment, and turned all their Fury upon the Caſtle, and the Governor

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who defended himself so bravely, from break of day till Noon, that the Captain began to despair of the Enterprise. In the midst of these doubts, finding another lesser Fort taken by another Party, he resolv'd not to be brav'd; and therefore causing four broad Ladders to be immediately made, he constrain'd the Religious People, as well Nuns as Friers, to fix 'em to the walls; nor would it serve them to plead that they knew not what belong'd to those things. All this while the Governor valuing his honour before the lives of the Mass-mumblers, spar'd none that approach'd the walls. The Friers and Nuns besought him by all the Saints to save his own, and their lives; for as Godly as they were, they lov'd this world much better then the other. But neither Prayers nor Tears could prevail; so that many an *Ora pro nobis* was sent to Purgatory, before they could finish the work, which being at last effected by religious hands, the ungodly mounted up in swarms with fire-balls, and pots of Gunpowder in their hands; so that the *Spaniards* no longer able to resist, flung down their Arms, and cried for Quarter. Only the Governor would neither receive nor give; for Quarter being offered him, he reply'd, he would rather die like a va-

liant Soldier, then be hang'd like a Coward, so that they were enforc'd to kill him, notwithstanding the cries of his Wife and Daughter, who beg'd him upon their knees to desire Quarter, and save his life.

Having finish'd this Jobb, which was a tough one, and secur'd all their Prisoners, they thought it high time to go to supper; which they did in as plentiful manner as the Country would afford: after eating, very methodically they fell upon the Women, another recreation of Heroick toil, forcing the unwilling, and never examining whether it were Adultery or Fornication which they committed; which debaucheries of theirs, together with the unhealthiness of the Country, and the stout resistance of the Governor, cost many their lives.

The news of this disaster being carried to the Governor of *Panama*, he prepared for the rescue of the Town, but they car'd no more for the Governor of *Panama*, then they car'd for a louse: having their Ships at hand, and no intention to stay for his coming. So that after they had killed the most part of the Inhabitants, some by starving, others by torturing them to death, for discoveries sake; they prepar'd for a departure, having sent all their Pil-

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lage aboard. Before they went, according to Custom, they set a Tax upon the City of 100000 pieces of Eight, to preserve the Town from burning, and the Castles from being blown into the Air.

The poor people sent Commissioners to the Governor of *Panama*, to represent their condition to him; who having got a body of men together, forthwith advanc'd toward the Pirates. But they instead of avoiding him, went forth to meet him, at a narrow passage through which he was of necessity to pass: and at the first encounter put to flight the greatest part of his number. So that he was forc'd to retire like *Tom Ladle*, as he came. However, as if his Tongue had been sharper then his Sword, he sent a *Rodomontado* to the Captain, *Desperately threatning what he would do, when he had taken 'em, if he did not suddenly depart with all his Forces.* But they who had so well thrash'd his Jacket before, laugh'd at his bounces, and sent him word that they continued in their resolutions, unless the Mony demanded were paid, and therefore bid him save by his good advice what he could not defend with his Sword.

The Governor seeing that neither blows nor huffing would do any good, left th epoor people to make the best conditi-

ons they could do for themſelves, ſo that finding no other Remedy, they were forc'd to pay down the whole 100000 pieces of Eight.

This Action of the *Engliſh* ſo aſtoniſh'd the Governor, that only four hundred men ſhould take ſuch a great City, guarded with ſo many Caſtles, that for his ſatisfaction, he ſent to Captain *Morgan* a Meſſenger, to ſend him a Pattern of the Arms wherewith he had performed ſuch a deſperate attempt. The Captain having civilly treated the Meſſenger, gave him a Piſtol, and ſome few Bullets to preſent to the Governor, whom he deſired to accept that ſlender pattern of the Arms wherewith he had taken *Puerto Velo*, and to keep them for a twelve month, at what time he promis'd to come to *Panama*, and fetch them away again.

The Governor having well viewed the Piſtol and Bullets, and heard of the Meſſage which was brought him; to ſave the Captain a labour, ſent him forthwith his Piſtol and Bullets again, thanking him for his favour, to lend him thoſe Arms of which he had no need. Withal, he ſent him a gold Ring, with another Meſſage, deſiring him not to give himſelf the trouble of coming to *Panama*, where he was not like to ſpeed ſo well as he had done at *Puerto Velo*.

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After these Complements pass'd, Captain *Morgan* taking along with him the best Guns belonging to the Castles, and nayling the rest, Sailed away for the Island of *Cuba*, in search of a convenience where to divide the Spoil, which amounted in ready Mony to two hundred and fifty thousand pieces of Eight, besides Cloth, Linnen, Silks, and other sorts of Merchandise; which dividend being equally made, away they hastned to visit their Mistresses at *Jamaica*, where every *Jupiter* could not choose but be welcome to his *Danae* in a golden shower; and all the Tavern doors stood open, as they do at *London* on *Sundays* in the After-noon, till like so many Graves, they had bury'd the *Capita Mortua* of their Prodigal Pockets.

CHAP. X.

The City of Maracaibo *upon the Coaſt of* Venezuela *taken. Several Piracies committed upon thoſe Seas. The ruine of three great* Spaniſh *Veſſels, ſent to prevent the Robberies of the Pirates.*

IT is a ſtrange thing to conſider, that they who get with moſt labour, ſhould be ſo free to ſpend with moſt profuſeneſs. Yet ſo it happens generally all over the world: and ſuch was the temper of our late Triumphers over *Puerto del Principe*. However they had ſo providently order'd their buſineſs, that preciſely by that time their Pockets grew low, there was another deſign concluded upon. To which purpoſe Captain *Morgan* gave order to all his Commanders to rendevouze at *Cow-Iſland*, to the South of *Hiſpaniola*, where they were no ſooner arriv'd, but the Fame of the Commanders in chief, drew a great

great number of others, as well *English* as *French* to joyn in the Expedition. There was alſo taken up a Ship of 36 Guns, that came from *New-England*, which was added to the reſt of the Fleet. So that now they diſdain'd any other Enterprizes, but ſuch as were of high Importance. Which Ship being afterwards blown up by an accident, they neither took it for an ill Omen, nor did it breed in their high flown thoughts the leaſt deſpair. At length, when all things were in a readineſs, they ſet Sail for *Savona*, the appointed place of Rendevouze, where they were to have met, in all fifteen Veſſels, of which Captain *Morgan* commanded the biggeſt, which carried no more then fourteen ſmall Guns; but for men, their number was to have been conſiderable, ſomewhat more then nine hundred. Thither Captain *Morgan* ſteer'd with ſeven or eight ſmall Veſſels, and five hundred Men, in hopes to meet the reſt according to appointment. Some few days after he arriv'd at the Cape *Cabo de Lobos*, where they were forc'd to ſtay, by reaſon of contrary winds, which was an Enemy that ſo many *Hercules*'s could ne're have conquer'd. But at the three weeks end, the winds permitting, they doubled the *Cape*, and proceeded on till they came to the Port of *Ocoa*.

There they landed ſome men, and ſent them into the Woods to ſeek for water, and what Proviſions they could find; where they killed ſeveral Beaſts, and among the reſt ſome Horſes. But the *Spaniards* not ſatisfied to ſee their Proviſion carried away without being paid for, reſolv'd to lay a Trap for theſe new Corſairs. To this purpoſe they ſent for three or four hundred men from *Santo Domingo*, not far diſtant, whom they order'd to drive the Fields, yet ſo as the Cattel being to be ſeen at a diſtance, might be a bait to fell the Corſairs into their Ambuſcado's. Within a few days the Corſairs return'd with an intent to hunt, but finding nothing to kill, a party of fifty rambled up farther into the Woods, and ſpying a great heard of Cows, with only two or three perſons to guard them, they preſently fell a ſlaughtering the poor Cattle without mercy. All this while the *Spaniards*, watching like ſo many Cats, let 'em alone, but as ſoon as they attempted to carry any thing away; they preſently fell upon the Butchers, thinking to have dealt by them, as they did by the Cows. Thereupon the Lyons were forced to quit their Prey, and retreat toward their Ships, which they did in ſuch good order, ſometimes retiring, and ſometimes beſtowing

ſtowing a round Volley upon the Enemy, that the unfortunate *Spaniards* dropt like Acorns. So that the reſt ſeeing the diſaſter of their companions, endeavoured to ſave themſelves by flight; but then the *Corſairs* turn'd head, and purſuing the Fugitives, kill'd the greateſt part of them, and then fetched away their Booty. The next day the Admiral himſelf offended at the incivility of the *Spaniards*, landed with two hundred men, and rang'd the Woods in ſearch of the remaining part of thoſe Ruffianly *Spaniards*, that had diſturb'd his Cow-killers: But finding none, he reveng'd himſelf upon the Hovels of the miſerable Ruſticks that lay ſcatteringly up and down in the Fields and Woods where he paſſed.

After this arriving at *Savona*, and not meeting the Ships according to appointment, the Captain was not a little impatient; for patience is a remedy for a mad Dog, and not for a Man. Then never blame a Man for being impatient. Patience therefore being tired, the Captain would have ſteer'd away without them; but proviſions growing ſhort, he thought it better to ſtay than go, till he had got more provant. To which purpoſe he landed a hundred and fifty Men upon the Iſland of *Hiſpaniola*, to borrow from ſome

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Towns near *Santo Domingo*; but the *Spaniards* were ſo well provided for his coming, that his Meſſengers thought it better to return empty-handed, than to venture certainty of Death for uncertainty of Beaſt.

Seeing then the reſt of the Ships did not come, he firſt made a review of his Men, whom he found to be five hundred effective; and ſo with the Proverb in his mouth, The more the merrier, *&c.* So he put off to Sea, but chang'd his reſolution of viſiting the Coaſts of *Caracas*, as he intended, where his company would have been as welcom as Water into a Ship, and began to conſider what was next to be done. At length by the Advice of a *French* man, who had ſerved *Lolonnois*, it was reſolv'd that *Maracaibo* ſhould once more feel the weight of their fury, hoping that they might have well recruited themſelves in two years time. To this purpoſe they ſteer'd their courſe toward *Curaſao*; but leaving that Iſland, they caſt Anchor before another Iſland called *Rubas*, an Iſland ſubject to the King of *Spain*, and inhabited by *Indians*, who are a kind of Mungrel Catholicks, but ſuch as will ſell Coals to the Devil. Here the *Corſairs*, according to cuſtom, exchang'd Linnen, Thread, and other things of

of that nature for Sheep, Lambs and Kids, not in a Piratical, but Merchantlike manner. Having ſtay'd there two days, he ſail'd away in the night time, that it might not be known which way he ſteer'd.

The next day they arriv'd too ſoon, God wot, by two months, in the Bay of *Maracaibo*, very cautious of being diſcover'd by the *Watch-Iſle*. The next night they ſet ſail again toward the Land, and the next morning by break of day they found themſelves directly over againſt the Bar of the Lake. For the defence of this Bar, the *Spaniards*, ſince their laſt misfortune, had built a new Fort (if *Spaniſh* Forts in the *Weſt-Indies* may be thought to ſignifie any thing againſt Men of Reſolution) from whence they ſpit fire continually againſt the *Corſairs*, while they were putting their Men into Boats to land. But they had as good have ſpit Sugar-plums; for the Captain landed his Men in ſpite of their teeths, and in the dark of the night drew his people cloſe to the Caſtle under the Guns. Thereupon the *Spaniards* perceiving that they did but waſte his Catholick Majeſties Powder and Shot to no purpoſe, forſook the Fort, but left the Devil behind 'em. Here now then underſtand the Advantage

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men have of having Eyes; for had not the *Corſairs* had their Eyes in their heads, in a ſhort time they had had neither heads nor tails. The Roguy *Spaniards* had lain a Train-powder and a Match burning, with a deſign when the Enemy had taken poſſeſſion of the Caſtle, to have ſent 'em all of an Embaſſe to the Prince of the Air. But the Match being diſcover'd, was preſently ſnatch'd away, and ſo the danger was prevented. There was found in the Caſtle a great quantity of Powder, which the *Spaniards* found afterwards was ill beſtow'd upon thoſe that made ſuch a bad uſe of it; together with a great number of Muskets and other military proviſions, which prov'd the *Spaniards* to be great fools, to put Arms into mad mens hands. The *Corſairs* nail'd all the Ordnances, and demoliſh'd the Walls of the Fort, wherein you'l ſay they did wiſely.

The next day the Ships were order'd to enter the Bay, where the Muskets and Powder were divided for future miſchief. Which being done, they imbarked again, and continu'd their courſe toward unfortunate *Maracaibo*. But the Waters being very low, they were conſtrain'd to put themſelves into their Canows and ſmall Boats, in which the next day

day they arriv'd before the Town, with no other defence but ſuch ſmall pieces as they could carry in their Boats. Being landed, they ran immediately to the Fort *de la Barra*, which they found quitted: For all the people were fled into the Woods, leaving the Town and bare Walls at their ſervice, and a few miſerable people who had nothing to loſe.

They were no ſooner enter'd the Town, but they ranſackt every corner of it, partly to diſcover if any Ambuſhes were laid to entrap them, and partly to ſee what goods and plunder they could find. But perceiving the Coaſt clear, they took poſſeſſion of the Houſes, every one to their own liking, for there was room enough and to ſpare, making uſe of the Church for their main Guard. The next day they ſent a Party of a hundred men to ranſack the Woods, who return'd the next day after with ſeveral priſoners, and fifty Mules laden with Merchandize, which gave them encouragement to ſend out ſtill freſh Parties, who never return'd home without new ſupplies of Wealth and Booty.

Thus the Hunters having by this time got into their hands above a hundred of the chiefeſt Families in the Town, with their goods, reſolv'd to romage *Gibraltar*

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in the ſame manner: For *Gibraltar* ſtill ſuffer'd with *Maracaibo*. And to make their Entrance more eaſie, they ſent ſome of their priſoners before, to let the Inhabitants know what they muſt expect, if they did not readily ſurrender, which was nothing but death without mercy. However, the *Gibraltarians* would not believe a tittle they ſaid, as thinking them to be perſons of more honour than to embrue their hands in innocent blood; nevertheleſs, for fear of the worſt, when they ſaw the Enemy approach, they were as prodigal of their Cannon-Bullets, as a *Corſair* of his pieces of Eight in a Bawdy-houſe: Which the Captain perceiving, encouraged his followers with a pithy ſaying, which might have become one of the Kings of *Sparta*. We muſt make, quoth he, one meal upon bitter things, before we come to taſte the ſweetneſs of the Sugar which this place affords.

The next day early in the morning they landed all their men, and by the help of their *French* Guide, they march'd toward the Town, not the direct way, but athwart the Woods, which way the *Spaniards* never expected them. Which when the Inhabitants ſaw, out of a deep ſenſe of their afflictions under *Lolonnois*, and having no aſſurance that theſe their

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New Gueſts were endu'd with a grain of more grace, than their former Benefactors, they fairly reſolv'd not to ſtand to their courteſie, but fled out of the Town with all the ſpeed they could make, carrying with them all their Goods and Riches, which was the main thing that the Pirates took amiſs at their hands; ſo that there was not a rational creature left in the City. They left indeed a poor Changeling behind, who though he were examin'd very ſtrictly according to the Military manner, could give no account of the Queſtions they ask'd him. And yet their Catechiſm was very ſhort, where the Inhabitants were, and where they had hid their Goods. However, the latter ſeem'd a very unreaſonable Queſtion to ask a fool where wiſe men had hid their Goods, as if they were ſuch fools to tell an Idiot.

The next day they ſent out their Parties to hunt for the Inhabitants, who return'd with a Country Peaſant, and two of his Daughters, who frighten'd with the Threats of his Military Confeſſors, went along with the Hunters to ſhew them as much as he knew; but before he came, the Birds were flown, ſo that the Hunters not believing but that the *Peaſant* had abus'd them, notwithſtanding all the

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Oratory that he us'd to save his life, hung him up upon a Tree.

Thus disappointed, they divided themselves into several Plantations to romage the Plantations. In their Chace they met a *Negro*, who being largely promis'd heaps of Gold when they got Mountains, conducted them to a parcel of *Spaniards*, whom they made prisoners, and so continuing the Hunt, after eight days ransacking, they return'd with many more Prisoners, and some Mules richly laden. To these Prisoners they were very severely smart in their Examinations, insomuch that some were catechized so rigorously, till they were past giving an Answer, which was done more like rough Souldiers, than prudent men, or Philosophers, because thereby the intent of the Action was lost. Only a Slave there was, who dreading some passages which he had seen with his own Eyes, promis'd to conduct the Captain to a certain River that emptied it self into the Lake where he should find a Ship and four Boats richly laden with Goods belonging to the Inhabitants of *Maracaibo*. He also discovered where the Governour lay hid, with the greatest part of the women. Thereupon the Captain sent two hundred and fifty men in two great Boats to take care of the Ship, while he

he himſelf more generouſly with two hundred and fifty men more went to Earth the Fox of a Governour. This Governour, like a cunning *Volpone* indeed, was retir'd to a ſmall Iſland in the middle of the River, where he had built a little Fort as well as he could, to defend himſelf; but having notice, by what unlucky accident he himſelf could beſt tell, that the Captain was coming to ferret him out of his Coney-borough, he, as any other animal of far leſs ſenſe would have done, got out of his reach, to the top of a Hill not far off, to which there was no aſcent but one, ſo narrow, that it was not paſſable for above one lean man at a time to clamber the aſcent. The Captain ſpent two days before he could come at this Iſland, and therefore took it the more unkindly at the Governours hands, that he would not ſtay for a perſon that had taken ſo much trouble to viſit him; which made him, as it would have made any body, not a little angry to be ſo diſappointed, but more eſpecially when he heard that the Governour was got into a Caſtle in the Air, well provided for his defence, where it was impoſſible to come at him. But a worſe miſchief befel him than all this; for there had fallen a great Rain, which had wet all his Bag-

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gage, and his proviſion of Powder; he alſo loſt ſeveral of his men in paſſing a River that was ſwell'd with the ſhowers, with ſeveral Mules laden with Plate and other Merchandize. For the Governour had no Cranes belonging to his Airy Cockloft, to ſecure the peoples Goods, as he had done their Perſons; ſome women and children which they had taken priſoners, were alſo drown'd, but that was no great matter. At length having waded up to the middle, ſometimes whole, ſometimes half miles together, the greateſt part of the *Corſairs* came ſafe home; but the greateſt part of the Priſoners, who were women and children, died.

Thus after twelve days Hunting they return'd to *Gibraltar* with a great number of priſoners. Two days after alſo return'd the two great Boats, with four other Boats, but the raſcally covetous *Spaniards*, rather than accommodate Gentlemen and ſtrangers with what they wanted, had unladed the moſt conſiderable part of their Wealth, and committed it to the cuſtody of the Earth from whence it firſt came. However, they were not ſuch Curmudgeons, but that they left ſomething that was very well worth fetching away.

Having thus kept poſſeſſion five weeks, and

& play'd what Gambols they thought fit to play, they concluded to depart; however, not till they had ſet a Ranſom upon the Town. To which purpoſe they let go ſome of their priſoners to try the Market, who after a few days brought anſwer that they were forbid by the Governours to ranſom their Town. They had as good have told him the Pope had forbid 'em, and all one. Therefore as men deal by Spaniels that cannot find their Maſters loſt Glove, he bids 'em go again. Thereupon, ſeeing there was no way but one, they agreed to pay him down five thouſand pieces of Eight, and give him for ſecurity for the reſt four of their chief Inhabitants, which upon weighty conſiderations was accepted. Then he delivered all the Freemen priſoners, having firſt ſet a Ranſom upon every mans head, but he detain'd all the Slaves, generouſly preſerving the diſcovering *Negro*, whom the *Spaniards* begg'd for earneſtly: But the Captain would not part with him, leſt they ſhould offer him to *Moloch* in his abſence. And thus having diſpatcht all their buſineſs at *Gibraltar*, they made haſt back to *Maracaibo*, where they had Information, that three *Spaniſh* Men of War lay at the mouth of the Lake, to intercept them as they went back; and that the

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Caſtle at the Entrance into the Bay was put into a good poſture of Annoyance again, being well provided both with Men and Guns. This Relation made the Captain ſcratch where it did not itch; for after they had taken all this pains, it would have been a deviliſh thing to have loſt all their labour. Thereupon he firſt ſent one of his Boats to ſee how things ſtood at the mouth of the Bay, who the next day brought word, that 'twas neither better nor worſe; that they had viewed the Ships within reach of their Guns, and that they were ſure they were Ships, and not flying Horſes; of which the biggeſt was mounted with forty, the ſecond with thirty, and the leaſt with twenty four Guns; a Force ſufficient to grind their Fiſher-Boats to Muſtard, which caus'd a great conſternation among the men of valour; for men are but men, and can do no more than they can do. Well, but what ſhall they do? To wiſh the Ships at the Devil, was no more than to piſs upon 'em. Fight they muſt, or loſe all. Which diſmal choice that would have mollified ſome mens hearts, like an Egg in Vinegar, did but enliven the Captains courage. Therefore he reſolv'd to fight the *Spaniard* firſt with his own weapons, that is, with Rodomontado's. To

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which purpose he boldly sent a *Spaniard* to the Admiral of the three Ships, demanding of him to pay the Ransom of *Maracaibo*, or threatning else to reduce it to Powder, to whiten the *Spaniards* Teeth.

The Envoy having delivered his Message, returned two days after with a Letter to the Captain, giving him to understand that he was come to dispute his passage out of the Lake, and to pursue him where-ever he fled in those parts, till he had got him into his clutches. However, if he would meekly restore what he had taken, and calmly dismiss his prisoners, he would let him freely pass without molestation. The Captain upon reading the Letter, was plainly convinc'd in his conscience, that the conditions were too hard. However, that he might not wholly depend upon his own judgment, he resolv'd to take advice, and to that purpose he read the Letter to his Associates, both in *French* and *English*; which done, he desired to know how they intended to expound this hard Chapter, either to surrender what they had purchased, or to fight for their Liberty. To which the Souldiers all unanimously reply'd, They would rather lose their Blood than their Booty, without which

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their blood ſignified nothing. At length, up ſtept one, as if he had been ſent from *Mahomets* Paradiſe for their relief, who beholding the Captain with a ſtern countenance. 'Captain, ſaid he, take you 'but care for the reſt, and I my ſelf will 'undertake to deſtroy the biggeſt with 'only twelve men. And the way I will 'do it, added he, ſhall be by making a 'Fireſhip of that Veſſel which we took 'in the River of *Gibraltar*. Never did Popiſh Saint ſpeak ſuch words of comfort from the Clouds, to diſtreſſed Pilgrims in the Deſert, as this Hero ſpake to his Companions. The Propoſal was accepted, and entertain'd with joy, and the Ship was already burnt in conceit.

However to avoid that trouble, if they could avoid it, they concluded to ſee whether the haughty *Spaniard* would come to any Accommodation or no? To which purpoſe, to leave him inexcus'd, if miſchief did befall him, the Captain ſent him two Ambaſſadours, with Propoſitions to quit *Maracaibo* without Ranſom, and to ſet at liberty one half of the Slaves, and all the other Priſoners, without paying for their Heads. And 3dly, To ſend home the Inhabitants of *Gibraltar*, which he had as Hoſtages for the Contributions behind. But the 40 Gun'd

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Admiral rejected their Propoſitions with diſdain, little dreaming what would be the Iſſue. Threatning withal, That if they did not ſurrender themſelves voluntarily in two days, upon the Conditions propos'd in his Letter, that he would come and force 'em to do it.

The Captain finding the Admiral ſo peremptory, prepared all things in a readineſs to get out by main force. In the firſt place he ordered all the Priſoners to be bound to their good behaviour, and well guarded. Then they got all the Tar and Brimſtone they could find in the Town to fit up the Fire-ſhip. Next they contriv'd ſeveral inventions, and mixtures of Tar, Powder, and Brimſtone, with which they beſmear'd ſeveral quantities of Palm leaves. They ſtufft the Fire-ſhip with Hells Materials, broke open new Port-holes, where inſtead of Guns, they plac'd ſeveral little Drums, of which the *Negro*'s make uſe. And laſtly, They dreſs'd up the Deck with ſeveral pieces of Wood, covered with *Monteros*, with Muskets fixed as it were in their Arms, and hung about with Bandileers.

The Fire-ſhip thus fitted, they ſtowed the Men-priſoners in one Boat, & the Women & the richeſt part of their plunder; in others their more bulky bales of Merchandiſe.

All things being ready, the Captain exacted an Oath of all his Company, whereby they swore to defend themselves to the last drop of blood: promising withal more then ordinary shares to such as should most remarkably signalize themselves in that days action.

Thus resolv'd, upon the 30 of *April*, 1669. They set Sail to seek the terrible *Spaniards*, whom they found riding at an Anchor in the middle of the entry into the Lake. When it grew night, they came to an Anchor, but the next morning by break of day, they weigh'd again, steering their course directly to the *Spaniards*, who perceiving their motion prepar'd to entertain em. But then the Fire-ship Sailing before the rest, fell presently upon the great Ship, who perceiving her to be one of the Devils Imps, a Fire-ship, did all they could to put her by, but she had got such hold already of the unweildy Admiral with her Iron Nails, that there was no getting loose, besides the flame had so suddenly seiz'd the Timber and Tackling, that all the Stern being in a moment consum'd, the Ship voluntarily sunk into the Sea to cool her self.

The second Ship seeing the Admiral already burnt, not by Accident, but by the industry of the Enemy, dreading the

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ſame fate, eſcap'd under the ſhot of the Caſtle, and there very civilly ſunk her themſelves, to ſave their Enemies the Trouble. The third having no opportunity to eſcape, was boarded and taken by the Corſairs. When the firſt Ship was burnt, ſome of the Seamen ſwam to the ſhore, whom the courteous Corſairs would have taken up, but they would neither ask, nor admit of Quarter: which caus'd the Corſairs out of their generoſity to knock 'em on the head to prevent their being drown'd.

The Corſairs, though it was not their cuſtoms to ſing *Te Deums*, were not a little glad you may be ſure to have tam'd their lofty Antagoniſt in ſo ſhort a time, which ſo exalted their minds, that they preſently run aſhore, with an intention to take the Caſtle. That they found very well provided both with Men, and great Guns, againſt which, they found their Muskets and Fire-balls not ſufficient: and therefore perceiving that the *Spaniards* were reſolv'd obſtinately to make uſe of their advantages, and conſidering there was nothing to be got but blows, they retir'd to their Ships.

The next day the Captain employed his men, to try whether they could recover any part of the Wealth that was loſt

in the two Ships that periſh'd. They alſo took ſome Priſoners that ſtill ſwam alive upon the water. Among the reſt there was a Pilot, who was a Stranger, and belong'd to the leaſt of the two Ships, with whom the Captain had much diſcourſe about the number of men in the Ships; from what Port they laſt ſet forth? and whether any more Ships were deſign'd upon that Coaſt? To which the Pilot gave the Captain ſuch ſatisfaction, that the Captain us'd him kindly, and retain'd him in his Service.

By this Pilot he underſtood that a certain *Negro* had given the *Spaniſh* Admiral notice two days before the fight, that the Enemy had prepar'd a Fire-ſhip to burn his Fleet, but that the Admiral would not believe his Intelligence. He alſo further diſcover'd, that in the Ship which was ſunk, there was above 40000 pieces of Eight, upon which, the Captain order'd one of his Ships to remain there, and watch all opportunities of getting out of the Veſſel what Plate they could. In the mean time the Captain return'd to *Maracaibo*, to re-fit the *Spaniſh* Veſſel which they had taken, which he then choſe for himſelf, giving his own to another of his Commanders. From thence he ſent to the Admiral, much more tame now, the

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ſame Meſſage he had ſent him in his Proſperity, to redeem *Maracaibo* from fire, for which he demanded 30000 pieces of Eight. The *Spaniards* conſidering how unfortunate they had been, and not knowing after this loſs how to get rid of theſe Maſters of the Sea, at length concluded for 20000 pieces of Eight, and 500 Beeves, for the Corſairs were always great lovers of Fidlers fair. However the Captain would not deliver the Priſoners, till he was clear of the Caſtle Guns; and ſo Sail'd away to the Ship which he had left behind, to look after the Plate in the Ship that was burnt. Where he left her, there he found her, together with fifteen thouſand pieces of Eight which they had recovered out of the Wreck; beſides many other pieces of Plate, as Hilts of Swords, and ſuch other Toys, beſides a great number of pieces of Eight that were melted and run together, through the force of the fire.

As the Captain ſuſpected; ſo it was; for the Admiral had a deſign to have paid his Scores as he paſſed by the Guns of the Caſtle, which he could not avoid. Thereupon he told the Priſoners how much it concern'd them to agree with the Governor to leave him a free paſſage for his Ships, to which, if he would not agree,

they muſt expect to be hang'd every Mothers Son. The Priſoners were in a woful caſe; however to try the Governors good Nature, they deputed ſome of their own to repreſent the condition of themſelves, their Wives and Children at the Captains diſpoſal, and therefore beſought him to let the Captain paſs free, as the only means to ſave their lives. But the Admiral reproaching their Puſillanimity, denied their requeſt, as being bound to maintain the King his Maſters Honour.

When the poor Priſoners with bleeding hearts return'd the Admirals Anſwer, to which all that the Captain reply'd was, that if the Admiral would not let him go, he would find a means to do it without him; Thereupon he reſolv'd to make a preſent dividend of the Booty, which amounted to the value of 250000 pieces of Eight in Money and Jewels, beſides a a vaſt quantity of Merchandiſe and Slaves, all which was divided to every Ship or Boat according to their ſhare, as juſtly, as if *Aſtrea* her ſelf had done. And this was the rather done at that place, for fear they might be divided by Storm, and not have an opportunity to do it elſewhere, as alſo to prevent any of the Commanders from running away with more then belonged to their parts.

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But now the buſineſs was to paſs the Caſtle, and get out of the Lake. To this purpoſe they bethought themſelves of a Stratagem, which was this. The day preceeding the night, that they intended to paſs the ſtreight, they caſt Anchor in view of the Caſtle, and then filling their Canows full of men, ſent them to the ſhore, where they lay conceal'd among the Boughs, till the men had hid themſelves, by laying themſelves down in the bottom of the Boat, ſo that as they return'd, there appear'd no more to be ſeen then only two or three that row'd. This the *Spaniards* ſeeing ſeveral times repeated, aſſured themſelves, that the Captain intended to ſtorm the Caſtle in the night time, which made the *Spaniards* remove all their great Guns to the Landward, where they expected to be moſt briskly aſſail'd, leaving that Part toward the Sea naked, with little or no defence. Which when the Captain ſaw had anſwer'd his ends, in the night time, with wind and tide, and full ſwell'd Sails, he gave the Caſtle the go by. Which when the *Caſtillians* perceived, they made all the haſt they could to remove their Guns again, but by that time the Captain was got almoſt out of reach; ſo that all the ſhot they made, did him very little or no prejudice.

As for the reſt of the Fleet which miſſed the Captain at *Savona*, they, to the number of four hundred, endur'd much miſery, unfortunate in all their Attempts. However, reſolving to do ſomething, they choſe among themſelves one Captain *Hanſell* for their Admiral, who had behav'd himſelf very Couragiouſly at the taking of *Puerto Velo*. He attempted the taking of *Comona*, upon the Continent of *Carucas*, threeſcore Leagues from the Weſt-ſide of the Iſland *de la Trinidad*. There they landed their Men, and kill'd ſome few *Indians* ſtragling near the Coaſt; but approaching to the Town, the *Spaniards* joyning with the *Indians*, diſputed their entry ſo obſtinately with the forcible arguments of Sword and Musket, that they were forc'd to retreat to their Ships with great loſs. At laſt they arriv'd with empty Pockets at *Jamaica*, where they were jeer'd by their more fortunate Companions, who cryed to 'em. 'Let us ſee 'the money you brought from *Comona*, 'whether it be as good ſilver as that which '*Maracaibo* affords.

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CHAP. I.

SOon after Captain *Morgan* arriv'd at *Jamaica*, where the old trade of Cupping and Canning, and Drabbing, and Dicing had gone ſo briskly forward, that both Officers and Soldiers were reduc'd to their accuſtom'd ſtate of Indigency, that they were very importunate for new Invaſions and Exploits, to ſatisfy the craving hunger that began to gnaw their Pockets. By this means the firſt care of procuring men was ſoon over. Notice therefore being given of the Deſign, and the Rendevouze appointed upon the South-ſide of the Iſland of *Tortuga*, the Sons of Fortune flock'd from all parts to put themſelves under the Captains Conduct,

and to be in readineſs alſo againſt the time appointed, which was the *24th* of *October*, 1670.

The *C*aptain failed not to be punctual to his appointment, and came in his own Ship to the Port, called *Port Couillon*, over againſt *Cow-Iſland*. There they concluded to ſend four Ships, and one Boat over to the *Continent*, to rifle ſome of the Towns and Villages, and get all the *Maiz* they could gather. To that purpoſe they ſet ſail for the Continent toward the River *de la Hacha*, with a deſign to plunder a ſmall Village called *Roncheria*. Another party was ſent to hunt in the Woods, who killed a vaſt number of Beaſts, and ſalted them. The reſt of the *C*ompany remain'd in the Ships to clean, and rigg them out to Sea.

CHAP. II.

Their Succeſs in the River de la Hacha.

AFter this the four Ships, and one Boat ſteer'd their courſe within ſight of the River *de la Hacha*. Where an unlucky Calm gave the Inhabitants time to prepare for the Entertainment of the Sea-Hectors, or at leaſt to hide the beſt of their goods, that they might be in a better readineſs to retire, when they found themſelves overmatch'd. But ſuch was Fortunes kindneſs, that what they went to ſeek, chopp't into their Mouths. For at the ſame time there happened to be in the River a very conſiderable Veſſel ſent from *Cartagena* to load *Maiz*, which was juſt ready to return as the Sea-Hectors came. This Ship they took with a wet finger, with all the Seamen, who in vain endeavour'd to eſcape. The next morning by break of day they drew near the ſhore, and

and landed their Men, though the *Spaniards* made a ſtout reſiſtance from a battery rais'd on that ſide, where of neceſſity they were to land. But they were not to be repuls'd by Batteries, that were Battery proof, ſo that the *Spaniards* were forc'd to retreat to a Village, whither the Sea-Hectors purſu'd them. There the *Spaniards* rally'd again, and ſtood to it like Sons of *Priam*, but finding the Sons of *Hector* too hard for 'em, they were forc'd to betake themſelves to the Woods.

The next day the Sea-Hectors perceiving the *Spaniards* fled, purſu'd as far as poſſibly they could, and overtaking a Party of unfortunate *Diego*'s, took them all Priſoners. Theſe they Catechized according to their wonted mercy, to diſcover where they had hid their goods, which brought ſome that could not endure pain ſo well as others, to auricular Confeſſion. Inſomuch that in 15 days, they had got ſeveral Priſoners, great ſtore of Plate, and moveable Goods, with other things, which they made no ſcruple to carry away. But not ſo contented, they diſpatch'd ſome of their Priſoners to barter for Ranſom-mony; to which it was anſwer'd, they had no Plate, but they would give 'em as much *Maiz* as they could afford; Thereupon they conjobbl'd together for

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4000 buſhels of *Maiz*, for ſometimes they thought it as convenient to provide for the Gut, as well as for the Pocket.

They had been now abſent five whole weeks together, which made the Com. in chief almoſt deſpair of their return, and to be in ſome fears leſt they ſhould be fallen into the hands of their Friends the *Spaniards*. But when he ſaw the Ships return, and one more then had been ſent out; there was not only joy in the chief Commanders heart, but the whole Company with their loud Acclamations gave the Sky to underſtand their univerſal gladneſs, which was much augmented when they found 'em laiden with *Maiz*, and ſo many other good things. So that now they began to look upon themſelves again as thriving men.

After this the Commander in chief divided the *Maiz*, and the Fleſh proportionably to every Ship, and then having taken a view of every Ship, to ſee that it was in good order and trim, he ſteered away for *Cape Tiburon*, where he met with ſome other Ships come from *Jamaica* to join their Forces in this ſplendid Expedition; ſo that now the whole Fleet conſiſted of 37 Ships, mann'd with 2000 fighting men, beſides Seamen and Boys. And now we be to ſomebody, for great

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ſtorms fall heavy. The Admiral was mounted with 22 great Guns, and ſix ſmall ones, the reſt carried ſome 20, ſome 18, others 16, and the ſmalleſt at leaſt four. It would have made any mans heart ake that had any kindneſs for the *Spaniſh* Dominions, to ſee ſuch a cloud hang over their heads. And certainly it muſt be a bleſſed time in the Infernal Regions, when Hell was ſo rak'd, and the Devil ſcumm'd.

The Commander in chief finding himſelf furniſhed with ſuch a conſiderable Fleet, divided the whole into two Squadrons, appointing Officers to each Squadron by itſelf. And thus you ſee how Irregularity itſelf moves upon the hinges of Regularity.

This being done, he call'd all his Captains together, and caus'd them to ſign certain Articles of common Agreement in the name of the whole. For himſelf, that he ſhould have the hundredth part of all that was gotten, to himſelf alone. That every Captain ſhould draw the ſhares of eight men for the expences of the Ship, beſides his own. That the Chirurgion beſides his pay, ſhould have 200 pieces of Eight for his Cheſt of Medicaments; and that every Carpenter ſhould draw a hundred pieces of Eight, beſides his common Salary.

Salary. Then for recompences and Penſions for the maim'd, they were advanc'd ſomewhat higher then before, 1500 pieces of Eight, or 15 Slaves for the loſs of both Legs. For the loſs of both Hands 1800 pieces of Eight or 18 Slaves. For one Leg 600 pieces of Eight, or 6 Slaves. For a hand, the ſame. For an Eye a hundred pieces of Eight, or one Slave. For him that ſignaliz'd himſelf in any Fight, by taking down the Enemies Colours, and putting up their own, or entring a Fort fore-moſt, 50 pieces of Eight, and that all extraordinary Salaries and Rewards ſhould be paid out of the firſt purchaſe that ſhould be taken.

All things thus order'd, three places were propounded to be attack'd, *Cartagena*, *Panama*, or *Santa Cruiz*. But the fatal Lot fell upon *Panama*, as being accounted the richeſt of the three. But not knowing the Avenues to it, they thought it requiſite firſt to take St. *Katherines* in their way, there to furniſh themſelves with Guides, in regard there are many Outlaws in that place, who are very expert in the knowledge of that Countrey.

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CHAP. III.

The Island of St. Catherine *taken.*

FRom *Cape Tiburon* the Fleet weighed Anchor the 16 of *Decemb.* 1670. and four days after arriv'd in sight of St. *Catherines*, at what time the Commander in chief sent one of his nimblest Vessels to view the entry of the River, as also if there were any Ships there to oppose his landing, or acquaint the Inhabitants with his arrival, and thereby prevent his design.

The next morning early the whole Fleet came to an Anchor in a Bay called *Augua Grande*, near unto the Island where the *Spaniard* had a Battery mounted with four Pieces of Canon; Captain *Morgan* having landed his Men, began his March through the Woods, having no other Guides than some of his own men who had been there before, which conducted him to a Fort where the Governour commonly kept his residence, but was then quite abandoned; the *Spaniards* having retired into the lesser Island, which was so

ſo well fortified, that it ſeemed impregnable.

The *Spaniards* perceiving the Pirates to approach, began to fire moſt furiouſly upon them, which made them retreat, and take up their reſt upon the Graſs for that night, being ſorely pinch'd with hunger; about midnight, to add to their affliction, it began to Rain as if the Skys were melted, which continued till next morning; then after two hours it recommenced again anew rather harder than before, which cauſed them to ceaſe from advancing towards the Fort whence the *Spaniards* did continually fire at the Pirates, ſeeing them approach.

Cold, hunger and nakedneſs, did now reduce the Pirates to ſo great ſtraits, that an old ſcabb'd Horſe, which they found in the fields, was acceptable to them, which they kill'd, and with greedineſs eated. C. *M.* knowing how much this tended to the prejudice of his Enterpriſe, and perceiving his men to talk of venturing to their Ships, reſolv'd upon a ſudden remedy, which was this; he caus'd a Canow to be rigg'd out in all haſte, having Colours of Truce diſplay'd, which he ſent to the Governour of the Iſland. with this meſſage, That if he ſurrendred not himſelf and his men within a few hours into his

his hand upon mercy, he might certainly expect to be put to the Sword, without Quarters to any; the Governour terrified with ſuch big words, deſires two hours to deliberate, which Captain *M.* granted; a little after the ſaid Governour ſent two Canows, with white Colours, and two Perſons to treat with him; the ſubſtance of their Commiſſion was, that the Governour had reſolv'd to ſurrender the Iſland to C. *M.* not being ſufficiently provided to defend it, deſiring only that (to ſave his credit) he would be pleaſed to uſe the formality of a Stratagem of War, the method of which the Governour himſelf propoſed to him; C. *M.* agreed to every one of theſe Propoſitions, whereupon the Meſſengers taking their leave, returned to give an account of their Negotiations to the Governour.

Preſently after C. *M.* commanded his whole Fleet immediately to enter the Port, and his men on ſhoar to be in readineſs to aſſault the Caſtle of St. *Jerom*; the Caſtle taking the Alarum, as was contrived betwixt the Governour and C. *M.* began to fire furiouſly at the Ships, but without Bullets, as was before agreed; then the Pirates landed, aſſaulting the leſſer Iſland which they took, with both the Fortreſſes, forcing the *Spaniards* in ap-

appearance to flee into the Church for Sanctuary. The Iſland being taken by this pretended Stratagem, the Souldiers made it their only care to ſatiate their empty ſtomachs with the beſt Victuals they could find; next day they numbred their priſoners, which were found to be four hundred and fifty perſons in all, whereof one hundred and ninety were Souldiers belonging to the Garriſon; next they took a view of the whole Iſland, with its Fortreſſes, which they found to be nine in all, *viz.* the Forts of St. *Jerom*, St. *Matthew*, *Santa Tereſa*, St. *Auguſtine*, *la Plattaforma de la conceptione*, St. *Salvador*, *Plattaforma de Las Artilleros*, *Santa Cruz*; and laſtly St. *Joſephs* Fort, all which were indifferently provided with Arms and Ammunition, ſome of them having twenty great Guns; alſo in their Store-houſe were found above thirty thouſand pound of Powder, all the Guns were ſtopp'd and nailed, the Fortreſſes alſo demoliſhed, only St. *Jerom* the Pirates ſaved to keep their Garriſons in.

Captain *Morgan* enquired if any Bandits were there from *Panama*, or *Puerto Velo*; three being found, were brought before him, who being examined, pretended exactly to know all the Avenues of thoſe parts; he asked if they would guide

guide him to *Panama*, which if they did, they ſhould have an equal ſhare of what ſhould be pillaged in that expedition; they readily accepted his proffers, promiſing all obedience to his commands.

CHAP. IV.

The Caſtle of Chagre *taken.*

CAp. *Mor.* having ſo promiſing an occaſion, thought it not fit to neglect it, whereupon he gave orders that four Ships and one Boat ſhould be provided with all neceſſaries for taking the Caſtle of *Chagre*, ſeated upon a River of that name; in theſe Ships he puts 400 men under the command of one Captain *Brodely*, whoſe actions of this nature had rendered him famous formerly in thoſe Coaſts, this *Brodely* having received his orders, puts to Sea, and within three days arrives within ſight of the ſaid Caſtle.

This Caſtle is ſeated upon a high Mountain, having many advantages both from art and nature, for its ſtrength being fortified

tified on all ſides with ſtrong *Paliſado*'s, on the Land ſide it hath four ſtrong Baſtions, and two towards the Sea, the South-ſide is unacceſſible, by reaſon of the aſperity of the Mountain; the North-ſide alſo is encompaſſed with the broad River; at the foot of the Mountain is a ſtrong Fort which commandeth the entry of the River, with ſeveral other ſingular advantages of a well fortified place.

The Pirates came to an Anchor about a League from the Caſtle, which the *Spaniards* perceiving, began to fire briskly at them with the biggeſt of their Guns; next morning they landed, and marched through a Wood, reſolving to attack the Caſtle on that ſide, but the difficulties they met with in their march, as alſo the *Spaniards* conſtant firing from the Caſtle, made them much to fear the ſucceſs of that enterpriſe (for on that ſide of neceſſity they muſt make the aſſault) however, they reſolved rather to hazard all, then give it over.

Whereupon they advanced towards the Caſtle with their Swords in one hand, and Fire-balls in the other; but the *Spaniards* received them with ſo much briskneſs, that after they attempted to ſcale the walls, they were forced to retreat, and reſt themſelves until night; then they retur-

turned again to the Assault, and attempted with their Fire-balls to pull down the Pales before the wall; while they were thus disputing the matter with great resolution on both sides, a very remarkable accident happened, which put the Victory in the Pirates hands, for one of them being shot with an Arrow quite through the body, he with courage pull'd it out at the side of his breast, and wound a little cotton about the head of it, and putting it in his Musket, shot it back again into the Castle, the cotton being kindled by the Powder, set fire to 2 or 3 thatch'd houses that were within the Castle, which not being timely taken notice of, blew up some barrels of Powder, which put the *Spaniards* into great consternation, not knowing how the fire came, as also not having sufficient water to extinguish it.

The Pirates seeing so favourable an opportunity, made use of it, setting fire unto the Palizadoes, which gave them great advantage, many breaches having thereby been made among the Pales, which made the earth fall in great heaps into the Ditch, upon which they climbed up, and got over unto the Castle, notwithstanding of much opposition; for they threw down flaming Pots full of combustible matter, by which several were killed.

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The fire thus conſuming the *Paliſado's*, the Pirates proſecuted their intention of being Maſters of the Caſtle, when day appear'd, they ſaw the earth fallen down from the *Paliſado's* to the Ditch, which put them on even ground with them that were within.

The Pirates ſeeing the fire thus to rage, thought it their intereſt (being in hopes to be Maſters of all) to extinguiſh it, for this end they appointed ſome of their number to do what they could to extinguiſh it by conſtant ſhooting at it, while the reſt managed the Aſſault; about noon the Pirates gained a breach, which the Governor himſelf manfully defended with 25 men; here was hot work with Muskets, Swords, Pikes and Stones, notwithſtanding the Pirates forced their way through all difficulties, till at laſt they were Maſters of the Caſtle; the *Spaniards* who were alive, threw themſelves headlong into the Sea, diſdaining to ask Quarters for their lives, the Governor retreated unto the *Corps du Garde*, where he intended to defend himſelf, but at laſt was kill'd by a Muſket ſhot.

All the men that were found alive, were but 30, whereof 20 were wounded, and this was all that ſurviv'd of 314, wherewith the Caſtle was Garriſon'd, them

them they made Prisoners, compelling them to tell what they knew of their interprises; the Pirats also had a great loss of their men here, for when they came to number them, they found they lost an 100, besides 70 that were wounded.

CHAP. V.

Captain Morgan *cometh to* Chagre, *and goeth from thence to* Panama.

THE Pirates having fully possest themselves of the Castle of *Chagre*, presently acquainted Captain *Morgan* with it by a Messenger, who thereupon resolved in all hast to go thither himself in Person; for this end he caused all the Provision that could be found to be imbarked for the use of *Chagre*, so having set fire to all the Houses and Forts there, except the Castle of St. *Terresa*; and carrying all the Prisoners with him, he set Sail for the River *Chagre*, where he arrived upon the eight day from St. *Katherine*.

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The Fleet were so overcome with Joy, seeing the *English* Colours upon the Castle, that not minding the entry to the River, they lost four Ships (the Ship wherein the Captain himself was, being one) yet they saved all the men, and most of the Goods; the Captain being with great solemnity brought to the Castle, he commanded all the Prisoners to be set to work for repairing of the breaches about the Castle: then they seized upon all the Ships and Canows belonging to the *Spaniards*, and having put a Garrison of 500 men in the Castle, and 150 more in the Ships within the River, he departed towards *Panama*, the 18th of *August*, 1670. taking no victuals in his Ships, hoping to be furnished by the *Spaniards*.

The first day they only sailed 6 Leagues, and came to a place called *de Los Bracos*, here they went on shore to search for Victuals, but nothing could be had, the *Spaniards* being fled, so that some were forced to dine upon a Pipe of Tobacco.

The next day continuing their Journey, they came to a place called *Cruz de Juan Calego*, here they were forced to leave their Canows, the River being dryed for want of Rain; but their Guides told them that about two Leagues farther they they might continue their Journey by land; hereupon leaving some Companies

aboard to defend the Boats, the next morning, being the third day, they all went on shore, but they found the way so deep and dirty, that Captain *Morgan* thought it fit to transport his men in Canows to a place further up the River, called *Cedro Bueno*; which accordingly he did.

The fourth day the greatest part of the Pirates marched by land to discover the Ambuscadoes of the *Spaniards*, being extreamly pinch'd with hunger. About noon their Guide cryed aloud he had found an Ambuscado; this made the Pirates rejoyce, hoping there to find some Provision, but coming to the place, found that all were fled, which disappointment so vexed them grievously; there nothing could be found but a few leathern bags, all empty, but their hunger was such, that they fell greedily to eating the leather.

Having dispatched this rough feast, and gone a little further, they found another Ambuscado, but as barren as the former, but some of them were so provident as to reserve some pieces of the leather upon which they dined, of this they made their Supper.

The fifth day they marched to a place called *Barbacoa*, but as empty as any of the former, yet having ranged along, they found two sacks of Meal, with two Jars of Wine,

Wine, and ſome fruits called *Platanos* this treaſure Captain *Morgan* cauſed to be equally diſtributed amongſt them who were in greateſt neceſſity, which refreſhed them, ſo that they marched now with greater courage than ever, till night. Continuing their march thus, part of them by land through the Woods, and part by water in the Canows, upon the ſixth day at noon they came to a Plantation, where they found a Barn full of *Maiz*; they fell to eating of it dry, till they could eat no more; then they diſtributed it in great quantities among themſelves, and ſo continued their Journey, but a little further diſcovering an Ambuſcado of *Indians*, whereupon they threw away their *Maiz*, hoping there to find plenty of all things, but they found themſelves much deceived, for all were fled; only on the other ſide the water they diſcovered about an 100 *Indians* in a company, who like Roes run through the Woods, till they were out of ſight, but ſome of the Pirates endeavouring to catch them, were killed by their Arrows; not only ſo, but they houted at them at a diſtance, crying, *ha Perros a la Savana, a la Savana*, ha ye Dogs, go to the Plain, go to the Plain, but night coming on, they took up their reſt in the Plain, where ſleep was not much minded, ſome beginning to murmur, blaming the Captains

tains bad Conduct, others continuing ſtill reſolute; one of their Guides alſo gave them encouragement, telling them that a ſhort time would bring them where there was ſomewhat to be reaped.

Next morning being the ſeventh day, they all made clean their Arms, fixing their fire-locks; which done, and marching till noon, they diſcovered much ſmoak ariſing at a great diſtance from them, thither they marched with all poſſible ſpeed, promiſing to themſelves plenty of good cheer, but when they arrived at the place, found themſelves miſerably diſappointed, for the *Spaniards* had ſet fire every man to his Houſe, carrying all things that were eatable with them, excepting ſome Dogs and Cats, which the Pirates were glad to feed upon.

Yet after a narrow ſearch, they found in the Kings Stables 16 Jarrs of *Peru* Wine, with a Sack full of Bread, which they no ſooner drank of, but they fell ſick every man; this made them preſently apprehend the Wine had been poiſoned, ſo they gave up themſelves all for dead men, which made them take up their reſt there for that night: this place is 26 *Spaniſh* Leagues from *Panama*, as alſo the laſt place unto which the Boats or Canows can come; which forc'd Captain *Morgan* to

to leave his Canows, and land all his men, though never ſo weak; but the Canows he ſent back again to the place where the Boats were, except one, which he cauſed to be hidden for carrying of Intelligence, as his affairs required.

Upon the eighth day in the morning Captain *Morgan* ſent 200 men before, to diſcover what Ambuſcado's were laid in the way to *Panama*; ſo having marched about ten hours to a place called *Quebrada Obſcura*, here they were welcomed with a ſhower of 3 or 4 thouſand Arrows, not knowing whence they came, or who ſhot them, this put them in a great ſurpriſal, eſpecially not knowing whence they came, but marching a little further, they perceived ſome *Indians* fleeing as faſt as they could before them, to take the advantage of another poſt; notwithſtanding there remained a whole troop upon the place, deſigning to fight the Pirates, which they did with great courage, until their Captain fell, who, although he deſpaired of life, yet would he ask no Quarters, but endeavouring to raiſe himſelf, with undaunted courage laid hold of a Javelin, but was preſently ſhot dead with a Piſtol.

Here eight Pirates were kill'd, and ten wounded, the ſlain they buried, and ſo went on a little further, where they diſco-

vered a parcel of *Indians* at a diſtance, ſtanding upon the top of a Mountain very nigh unto the way by which they were to paſs; they ſent 50 of their number to ſee if they could catch any of them, that they might get intelligence from them, but all in vain, for they betook themſelves to their heels, and preſently after ſhewed themſelves at another place, crying, *Ala Savana cornudos Peros Engleſes*, i. e. to the Plain ye Cuckolds, ye *Engliſh* Dogs; at the place there was a Wood, wherein Captain *Morgan* ſuſpected the *Spaniards* had placed an Ambuſcado, whereupon he ſent 200 men to ſearch it; the *Spaniards* and *Indians* obſerving the Pirates to deſcend the Mountain, did ſo too, ſeeming as if they intended to Attack them, but being got once into the Wood, they diſappeared, and were ſeen no more.

Night coming on, there fell a great rain, which cauſed the Pirates march the faſter, and ſeek for ſhelter to preſerve their Arms, but none could be found, for that the *Spaniards* had ſet all on fire, only they found ſome little Hutts for Shepherds, which not being capable to hold them all, they put in them a ſmall number of every company, to keep the arms of the reſt, and thus they continued till morning.

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Morning being come, they put forward while the freſh air of the morning laſted; after two hours march they diſcover'd a company of twenty *Spaniards*, of which they endeavoured to catch ſome, but could lay hold of none, they ſuddenly diſappearing. At length they came to the top of a high Mountain, whence they diſcover'd the South-Sea, at which they greatly rejoyced; having deſcended the Mountain, they came to a valley, in which were great numbers of Cattle; here now begins a moſt bloody Maſſacre amongſt theſe Animals, ſome killing, another flaying, a third making of fires to roaſt them, tho very little roaſting ſerved them, reſembling rather Canibals eating their raw fleſh, then *Engliſhmen*.

CHAP. VI.

The Spaniards *defeated, and the City of* Panama *taken.*

THE Pirates having thus satisfied their hunger, they marched forward. *C. M.* being much vexed, that for nine days time he could get no information of the condition of his Enemies, sent out 50 men to take (if possible) some Prisoners, to be informed by them, but could catch none.

Within a few hours they came within sight of the Steeple of *Panama*, which they no sooner saw, but they shouted for joy, as if the Victory were already put into their hands. Thus they pitched their Camp for that night nigh to the City, waiting with much impatience for the dawning of the day, when they intended to attack the City.

The noise of their Drums and Trumpets put the City into an Alarum, who thereupon sent out fifty Horse to observe their

their motion: Mean while they began to play furiously upon them with their great Guns from the Walls, but with little or no harm to the Pirates, whom they could not conveniently reach. There appeared also to them a Body of two hundred *Spaniards*, at a little distance, who look'd as if they intended to block up all the Passages, so that none of the Pirates could escape; but they no ways regarding these menaces, open'd every man his Satchel, and began to examine what he had left at noon; and having supp'd as well as they could, laid themselves down upon the Grass, and slept till morning. The day no sooner began to appear, but they draw to Arms, and being drawn up in very good order, marched directly toward the City, but *C. M.* being advis'd by one of the Guides not to keep the high way, for fear of Ambuscadoes, chose another way that led thorow the Wood; the *Spaniards* seeing the Pirates take another way than they expected, were forc'd to leave their Posts, and come out to meet them.

The *Spanish* Forces consisted of two Squadrons, four Regiments of Foot, and a great many wild Bulls driven by *Indians* and *Negroes* for their help; which when the Pirates perceiv'd from the top of an Hill, they were much terrified at their

number, and feared the ſucceſs very much; but reflecting upon their preſent ſtraits, and that now of neceſſity they muſt either conquer, or die, being out of hope to get Quarters from an Enemy whom they had ſo incenſed, they began to encourage one another to ſtand to the very laſt man, rather than now to yield; ſo they divided themſelves into three Battalions, having ſent one of two hundred Buccaniers before them: Thus they deſcended the Hill toward their Enemy, who had taken the advantage of the ground already; as ſoon as they approached them, the *Spaniards* gave a ſhout, crying, *Viva el Rei*, God ſave the King; preſently after the Horſe began to move; the two hundred Buccaniers, every one putting one knee to the ground, fir'd full in their face: Thus the work begins fiercely on both ſides. The *Spaniards* acted very gallantly, both Horſe and Foot, but the Pirates having got betwixt the Horſe and the Foot, forced them to ſeparate much to their prejudice; next they eſſayed to diſorder the Pirates, by driving the wild Cattle among their Ranks; but moſt of them ran away, being frighted with the noiſe of the Battle, others were ſhot dead by the Buccaniers.

The *Spaniſh* Horſe began at length to

loſe their ground, moſt of them being kill'd, which the Foot perceiving, threw down their Arms, and betook them to their heels; the Pirates being overwearied, were not able to follow, ſo that they not being able to flee to the Woods for ſhelter, hid themſelves among the Shrubs, but upon ſearch they were all found and put to death. Some Prieſts were alſo brought before *C. M.* who were all ſerved with the ſame ſauce. They took alſo a Captain, and carried him before him; him he ſpared, and made him give a particular account of the Forces of the City; which he did.

His Relation made *C. M.* alter his reſolution, ſo that he ordered they ſhould march another way. Thus having reſted their weary bones a little, they began courageouſly to march toward the City with full reſolution either to conquer, or be conquered; but they met with great difficulties in their approaching the City, by reaſon of the *Spaniſh* Cannon firing inceſſantly at them, which occaſioned great loſs of their men; notwithſtanding they reſolutely advanced, no ways deterred by ſo imminent danger; ſo that after three hours hot diſpute, wherein the *Spaniards* did indeed play the men, they were forc'd to yield upon mercy.

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The Pirates now being Masters of the City, cut them all off that offered in the least to oppose them: They found not so much Riches here as they expected, the best of them having before been transported to some remoter place for security. Captain *Morgan* having assembled all his men together, when the fury was over, gave them order, that under the greatest penalties they should tast no Wine, being privately informed the *Spaniards* had poisoned it.

CHAP. VII.

The City of Panama *set on fire, and the Effects thereof.*

ALL things being thus put in subjection to the Pirates, and their Guards being set at several quarters of the City, promising to themselves no less than a Paradise there for a while; They were suddenly Alarum'd by a Fire, which appear'd in several places of the City, none knowing how it came; but the wiser sort suspected deeply that *C. M.* was the Author of it, though upon what motives,

tives, or for what end he did it, none could guess. All means possible were used by the *Spaniards*, and some of the Pirates also, for quenching of it, but in vain, for in less then half an hour almost a whole Street was turn'd to ashes.

The Houses were all built with Cedar of a magnificent structure, and richly adorned within, although the best of the Furniture was conveyed away before from the Pirates: here were also eight Monasteries, wherein there was great Riches, which the Monks secur'd from hazard before the taking of the City.

The loss which the *Spaniards* sustained here was infinite, for besides 7000 dwelling Houses, there were also 200 rich Ware-houses burnt, together with many Negroes that had hid themselves there, also a stately House of the *Genoeses*, belonging to their Trade. This fire continued the space of four weeks before it was quite extinguished.

The Pirates for the most part lodged without the City, and there kept guard, fearing the *Spaniards* would rally, and to keep their Forces (now much weakned) together, for they knew the *Spaniards* had a far greater number of men then they had, whom they saw several times in whole Troops cruize too and fro in the Field,

Field, but durſt not hazard a Battle; when the Pirates ſaw no appearance of hazard from the *Spaniard*, they re-entred the City, and fell to ſeeking among the Ruines for Plate and Gold, of which they found great quantities hid in Wells and Ciſterns, and other ſuch places.

Soon after Captain *Morgan* ſent out 300 men in two Troops, to ſearch for the Inhabitants that were fled, who after two days returned, bringing with them 200 Priſoners, men and women; this day alſo came in a Boat, which was ſent into the South-Sea to ſearch, bringing with her three other Boats; but had miſſed one Gallion much better then all the three, being laden with the Kings Plate, and other Riches, both Gold, Pearl, Jewels, and other moſt precious goods; but it being badly provided both of Arms and Victuals, might eaſily have been taken, had not the Pirates been otherwiſe taken up with Drinking and Whoring, till ſhe was got out of their reach, yet the next day they ſent after her with all ſpeed, but in vain, ſhe having got to ſome remote ſhore unknown to them; but though they miſſed the Gallion, yet in ſearching for it, they found ſeveral other Boats laden with coſtly merchandiſe, which they ſeiz'd upon, and brought to *Panama*.

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Where being arrived, they gave an account of their Adventures to Captain *Morgan*, who when he heard of the rich Prize that had eſcap'd (ſome of the Priſoners putting him in hope to retrieve her) immediately commanded all the Boats that were in the Port with all haſt to purſue her, which they did for the ſpace of eight days, but to no purpoſe; ſo returning home by the Iſles of *Tavoga*, and *Tavogilla*, they found a Veſſel laden with Cloath, Sugar, Soap, and Biſket, with 20000 pieces of Eight in money, which they ſeized without the leaſt oppoſition, together alſo with a Boat that lay nigh unto this Ship, into which they put part of the Goods that were in the Ship, with ſome Slaves found upon the Iſland, with this purchaſe they return'd to *Panama*, yet much unſatisfied that the Gallion eſcap'd.

While Captain *Morgan* was thus buſy at *Panama*, thoſe at *Chagre* were not idle; for they ſent out two Boats to follow their imployment, which happened to meet with a *Spaniſh* Ship laden with Victuals, and other Proviſions, her they began to chaſe within ſight of the Caſtle, which they in the Caſtle perceiving, inſtantly hung out a *Spaniſh* Flag, the poor *Spaniard* ſeeing this, thought all was right, ſo that they run in their Ship juſt under their Can-

Cannon, where they were presently caught and made Prisoners.

This encouraged C. *M.* to stay the longer at *Panama*, where he caused several excursions to be made, sending forth daily Parties of 200 men, and as one Party came back, another of the same number were sent out, by which means he gathered a great deal of Riches; upon a day they happened to find a fellow in a Gentlemans House, who had put on a pair of Taffety Breeches belonging to his Master, with a silver Key hanging at its strings, they put this wretch to exquisite Torments, to make him confess where the Cabinet was to which the Key belonged.

Yea, certain it is, they were most cruel to all ranks, even the Religious Persons were forc'd to buy their lives with their Money, the Women also were little better used, especially by practising upon their Chastity, their Captain shewing them no good example in this, an instance whereof was a Gentlewoman brought from *Tavoga*, and *Tavogilla*, she was Wife to a rich Merchant who at that time was in *Peru* about the concerns of his Trade. No sooner was this Lady brought before him, than he designed her for his base pleasure, giving orders she should be lodged in an apartment by her self, with a Negro

gro to attend her; but this civility ſoon diſcovered itſelf to be for a baſe end, for ſoon after he came to her Chamber, where he communicated unto her his ardent deſire of accompliſhing his luſt, ſhe with all civility imaginable denied him, upon which he preſented her with Pearl and Gold, and other precious things, but with as little ſucceſs; hereupon, preſently altering his note, he commanded her to be ſtript of her cloaths, and put her in a dark ſtinking Cellar, allowing her no more Victuals then might keep her from ſtarving; but he finding that this cruelty might render him odious even to the Pirates themſelves, forges an Accuſation againſt her, as if ſhe kept correſpondence with his Enemy the *Spaniard*, pretending this to be the reaſon of her being ſo dealt with, yet in a ſhort time ſhe was allowed the ſame liberty with the reſt.

About this time there was a Plot diſcovered in the City, of a conſiderable number of Pirats (who wearied of Captain *Morgans* ſervice) reſolved to deſert him, and that by taking one of the Ships which were in the Port; reſolving to follow their old Trade a while by themſelves, and then to return home to Europe; for this end they gathered great ſtore of Proviſion, which they hid in ſome private place

place, also some great Guns belonging to the Town, with other necessaries suitable to their design.

Certainly their design had taken effect, had not one of their own Comrades betrayed them, by discovering the whole to Captain *Morgan*; who presently caused the Mast of their Ship to be cut down, and burnt, together with all the other Boats that were in the Harbour, after this he sent out many of the *Spaniards* to the adjoyning Country to seek for mony to redeem themselves, and others their Companions, as well Ecclesiasticks as Laicks, he caused likewise all the Cannons of the Town to be nail'd, and stop'd up.

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CHAP. VIII.

Captain Morgan *returns to* Chagre, *and divides the Spoil.*

CAptain *Morgan* being now weary of *Panama*, reſolved to leave it, therefore he commanded that all things ſhould be put in order for his departure, but having notice that the Governor of *Panama* had laid ſeveral Ambuſcado's in his way, he ſent out a ſtrong Party to ſearch for him, who ſoon after returned, and aſſured him there was no appearance of any ſuch thing, for proof of which, they brought with them ſome Priſoners, who confeſſed that indeed the Governor did intend to lay Ambuſcado's for him in his return, but that he could not put his deſign in execution, becauſe ſuch as he deſign'd to effect it, would not undertake it, ſo the deſign was laid aſide.

Upon the 24*th* of *February*, 1671. the Pirates left the City of *Panama*, or rather the

the place where it did ſtand; having laden 175 Beaſts of Carriage, with Silver, Gold, and other precious Spoils, alſo carried with them 600 Priſoners; having marched a League from *Panama*, Captain *Morgan* drew up his men in Battle Array, in ſuch a form, as that the Priſoners were in the midſt ſurrounded with Pirates on all ſides, here nothing could be heard but ſhrieks and Cries of theſe poor Creatures, terrified with the thought of being tranſported, as alſo being ſorely pinched with extream hunger and thirſt, which Captain *Morgan* made them ſuffer of purpoſe, that they might with more earneſtneſs ſeek for Mony for their Ranſom; many of them begged with tears, upon their knees, that he would ſuffer them to go back to *Panama* again; but he replied that his buſineſs there was to get Mony, and not to hear their cries and lamentations.

But the forc'd Lady had ſome more reſpect put upon her then the reſt, being led by her ſelf betwixt two Pirates. But when ſhe ſaw that ſhe was like to be carried Captive to a ſtrange land, ſhe was exceedingly diſordered, piercing the skies with her lamentations, alſo proteſting to the Pirates that ſhe had ordered two religious Perſons in whom ſhe confided to go to ſuch a place, where they ſhould find ſo much

much money as her Ranſom would amount unto, but inſtead of bringing it to her, they imployed it ſome other way, which Captain *Morgan* hearing, enquired further into it, and finding it to be a truth, immediately releaſed the Lady, but detained the Prieſts as Priſoners in her place, withal uſing them according to the demerits of their inhumane intreagues.

The Pirates being come to a Town called *Cruz*, ſeated upon the River *Chagre*, it was ordered, that within three days every priſoner ſhould bring in their Ranſom, otherwiſe to be tranſported to *Jamaica*, whereupon ſome paid their Ranſom here, and were ſet at Liberty, others who could procure no money, were detained; from hence they marched upon the fifth of *March*, carrying away all the ſpoil of the place, and alſo ſome priſoners whom *C. M.* added to thoſe of *Panama*, that payed not their Ranſom, and caus'd them all to be tranſported, excepting their religious men, who had cheated the Lady of her Ranſom; they were ranſomed three days after the impriſonment by ſome who pitied their caſe more than they did hers.

Now theſe Gentlemen that were formerly ſo ſtrict in examining of others for their goods, begin to ſet up the ſame Diſci-

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pline amongſt themſelves; for about half way to *Chagre* C. M. caus'd every one in the company to be ſworn that they had conceal'd nothing of their purchaſe; which they willingly did, not ſtanding much upon ſuch a trifle as an Oath; but he knowing by experience what conſcience men of that profeſſion were Maſters of, commanded every man to be ſearched, even to the very ſoles of their ſhoes; but that this Order might not be ill taken, he agreed that he himſelf ſhould be ſearched firſt, which was accordingly done, then by mutual conſent there was one choſen out of every Company to ſearch the reſt; ſome were not well pleaſed with this invention, yet were forc'd to ſubmit, not being able to reſiſt. This being done, they reimbarked for *Chagre* upon the ninth of *March*, where they found all things in good order, except the wounded men, whom they left there, moſt of which died of their wounds.

Having arrived at the Caſtle of *Chagre*, C. M. ſent to *Puerto Velo*, demanding a conſiderable Ranſom for the ſaid Caſtle, threatning otherwiſe to raſe it to the ground, to which they of *Puerto Velo* anſwered, that he might do with it as he pleaſed; as for them, they would not give one farthing for its Ranſom; which Anſwer,

ſwer, though it did vex him, yet he could not help it at that time.

But now being out of all hopes of getting any more by that Voyage, they come next to divide the Spoil, which when done, many complained they were wronged, judging Captain *Morgan* an unfit diviſor, being one that always loved to be his own Carver, which made their proportion the ſmaller, for notwithſtanding of their many dangerous Adventures, and rich Prizes, their ſhare of the dividend came to no more then 200 pieces of Eight per man; this unhandſome dealing did very much exaſperate them againſt him, which he perceiving, began to fear the effects of it, therefore thinking it not ſafe for him to tarry any longer there, he commanded the Ordnance of the Caſtle to be carried aboard his Ship, then he ordered as much of the walls and edifices to be ruin'd, as the ſhortneſs of the time could permit; after which, he went ſecretly on board his own Ship, not acquainting any of his Companions with his departure, being only followed with three or four Veſſels of the whole Fleet, which ſome ſuſpected to have ſhar'd with him in the beſt and greateſt part of the Spoil; ſome of the diſcontented would willingly be reveng'd upon him, had they not found themſelves too

too weak, and ill provided even for their intended Voyage to *Jamaica*, as you shall hear in the sequel.

THE Third Part.

CHAP. I.

Some of the Pirates return to Jamaica, *with some things remarkable in their Voyage.*

CAptain *Morgan* having thus left his Associates at *Chagre*, they were indeed a lively Portraiture of what attendeth wickedness in the end, being brought very low for want, they resolved every man to seek by what means to help himself.

The party of which we are to speak, they steered their course along the Coast of *Costa Rica*, intending, if possible, to pur-

purchaſe ſome Proviſion, and to careen their Ship in ſome ſecure place, within few days they came to a Port call'd *Boca del Toro*, where they found abundance of eatable Tortoiſes. The circumference of the place is about 10 Leagues, being ſurrounded with little Iſlands.

The Inhabitants of theſe Iſlands are wild *Indians*, who could never be brought under the *Spaniſh* Yoak: This people are divided, according to the variety of Idioms of their Language, into ſeveral cuſtoms and faſhions, which occaſions much contention and wars amongſt them; ſome of them kept Commerce with the Pirates a long time, giving them a part of the beſt food, or other Commodities the Country affordeth, in exchange for ſome Iron Inſtruments, Beads, or other Toys, which among them were in greater eſteem then the preciouſeſt Jewels, but at length they found the Pirates a little too hard for them to deal with, whereupon they gave over any further Trading with them.

Here they went aſhoar for proviſion, but to little purpoſe, nothing being to be had except a few Crocodiles Eggs; wherefore they ſteered Eaſtward, where they met with three Boats more of their companions, who were left at *Chagre*; they told them that their condition was

low for hunger, and that *C.* M. himſelf was brought to that paſs, that he could afford his men no more allowance than once a day; they hearing this, chang'd their courſe, and ſteered Weſtward, where in a ſhort time they found abundance of Tortoiſe, ſo that nothing now was wanting to them but freſh Water. This alſo they knew was to be had in the neighbouring Iſlands, but thought it unſafe for them to go on ſhoar, becauſe of the Envy betwixt the Inhabitants and the Pirates; however, as need makes naked men run, ſo thirſt made them rather hazard their lives, than want Water any longer; whereupon they reſolved to land all in one Iſland, which they did; but while ſome went to range in the Woods, and others to fill their Barrels, ſuddenly the *Indians* came upon them; upon which they preſently flee to their Arms, and began briskly to fire at them, which made them advance no further, but run away with ſpeed; the Pirates not purſuing them, eſteeming their Water more precious than any thing they could promiſe themſelves from that attempt; but as they returned back, they found two *Indians* dead upon the ſhoar; one of which they underſtood to be a Perſon of Quality by his habit, which was very coſtly: Among other

other things, he wore on his face a planch of maſſive Gold, which hung down at his Chin, either to cover his Beard, or inſtead of one.

After the Pirates were gone on board, they heard a hideous noiſe from the ſhoar, which put them in fear that the *Indians* had called in their Neighbours to their aid againſt them; but their fears were groundleſs, for this kind of *Indians* never goes to Sea, neither give they themſelves to build any Veſſels for Navigation, not ſo much as a Fiſher-Boat.

The Pirates having no further hopes of purchaſing any thing thereabout, they reſolve for *Jamaica*; being ſet forth, the Wind blew contrary, which caus'd them to make uſe of their Oars, till they came nigh the River *Chagre*; here they ſpyed a Ship making toward them, as if ſhe intended to board them; they apprehending her to belong to *Cartagena*, thought ſhe was come to reckon with them for bypaſt ſcores; whereupon hoiſing all their Sails, they ran before the Wind, hoping to eſcape, or at leaſt to take ſhelter ſomewhere; but the other eaſily getting the Wind of them, ſtopt their courſe; yet when ſhe came nigher, they diſcovered them to be their former Comrades, now in the ſame caſe with them. This En-

counter retarded their Voyage the ſpace of two days, which obliged them to return to their former ſtation, thence they ſailed to a place called *Boca dele Dragon*, to make proviſion for their Voyage.

Here they found a Creature whom the *Spaniards* call *Manentines*, the Duck, a Sea-Cow, becauſe headed like a Cow. They are commonly found in ſuch places under Water, as are full of graſs, on which it is ſuppoſed they feed, they have no Ears, but in their place, two little holes ſcarce capable to contain a Bean, nigh unto the neck they have two wings, under which are two udders much like unto the breaſts of a Woman, the skin of their back is two inches thick, their belly is every way like a Cows, their manner of ingendring being alſo the ſame; they hear ſo well, that the Fiſher-men in taking them, muſt not make the leaſt noiſe, not ſo much as to ſpeak to one another, but muſt do all by ſigns.

But the Pirates could do no good at this kind of fiſhing, therefore ſome went to the Woods to hunt, while others went to catch ſome other kind of Fiſh, which they were not long about before they ſaw two *Indians* in a Canow upon the Water, who no ſooner ſaw them, but went on ſhoar, carrying the Canow betwixt them, as if

it were ſo much Straw; their nimbleneſs carried them away from the Pirates, ſo that though they had the Canow with them to impede their motion, yet they ran as if they had not an ounce weight to burden them.

The Pirates having left that place in four and twenty hours, arrived at *Rio de Zuera*, where they found ſome houſes belonging to *Cartagena*, inhabited by the *Spaniards*, theſe the Pirates reſolved to viſit, but found nothing but an empty Habitation, all the Inhabitants being fled with their goods, which forced them to reſt ſatisfied with a certain Fruit, which there is called *Platano*, of which they filled their Boats, and continued their Voyage, deſigning to find out ſome Creek to careen their Ship in, which was become very leaky; at length they came to a place called the Bay of *Bleeveit*, where one Party fell to careening of the Veſſel, while the other went to the Woods for Hunting.

Thoſe who went a Hunting, found a great ſtore of Porcupines of a huge bigneſs, alſo ſome Pheaſants; but their beſt ſport was in ſhooting at the Monkeys, being of ſuch nimbleneſs, that they could hardly kill one of them, but did coſt them fifteen or ſixteen ſhots: Of theſe Monkeys

there were an infinite number in this place, where it was pleasant to see the Female dodge along with their little ones upon their backs, just as the *Negroes* do their Children; if any pass under the Trees where they sit, they will commonly squirt their excrements upon their heads and clothes: Also if any of them chance to be wounded, the rest will flock about it, and lay their hand upon the wound to stop the blood; others will gather Moss that groweth upon the Trees, and thrust it into the wound; yea 'tis said, that some of them will gather some Herbs, and having chewed them after the manner of a Cataplasm, will apply them to the wound.

Some days after the coming to that place, some of their Women-slaves being at work in the field nigh to a Wood, were heard to cry out, *Indians, Indians*, the Pirates immediately ran to their Arms, but when they came to the place, found no body there but only two of the foresaid Slaves dead upon the place, having in their bodies an incredible number of Arrows It seems indeed the *Indians* intended that they should not be put long to endure the pain of their wounds; for one of their Arrows were enough to kill an Elephant, being Eight feet in length,

length, and bigger than a mans thumb.

As to the conſtitution of this people, they are very ſtrong of body, but when their ſtrength fails them, they have recourſe to their heels; to them they are exceedingly beholden ſometimes, in their greateſt extremity, which made the Pirates beſtow much of their ſweat in vain in purſuing them.

The Pirates thought it not ſafe for them to ſtay any longer in that place, leſt they ſhould be ſerved in the ſame ſort as their Slaves were, whereupon leaving it with all the haſte they could make, they directed their courſe towards the *Cape of Gratias a Dios*, where they had fixed their laſt and only hope of being ſupplyed with Proviſion; neither did they hope in vain, for being arrived there, the people ſhewed them much kindneſs, ſupplying their wants, and providing them with all neceſſaries, but above all, the Women exceeded in kindneſs, to make themſelves go off the better, it being the cuſtom of the Iſland, that when Pirates arrive there, every one hath the liberty to buy himſelf an *Indian* Woman for a knife, or ſome ſuch trifle; who is obliged to remain in his cuſtody all the time of his ſtaying there, providing him alſo with all ſorts of victuals the Country affordeth.

The Inhabitants are very dextrous at darting with the Javelin, whereby they are very useful to the Pirates for victualling of their Ships with Fishes, one of them being able to provide for a Vessel of an hundred persons, with no other Instrument than his Javelin. Their Customs, Lives and Policy, are worth the mentioning, whereof a word briefly.

The circumference of the Island is about thirty Leagues, the number of the Inhabitants exceedeth not 1600. or 1700. yet they live divided in two distinct Provinces, one of which are laborious in cultivating the ground, but the other are so lazy, that they rather lie in the broad fields night and day, than be at the pains to build themselves Huts, much less Houses to dwell in; all their cloaths is an Apron, which being tied to their middle, cometh down so far as to hide the most shameful parts of their body; their weapons are Spears only pointed either with Iron, or with the teeth of a Crocodile.

As for their Religion, the dimensions of it is easily taken up, yet if they have but little of it, they pretend to as little; they have some notions of a Deity; yea, they are beyond many other Nations in *America*, for they serve not the Devil as they

they do. They commonly feed upon fruits, ſuch as *Bananas*, *Ratioves*, *Ananas*, *Potatos*, *Cozave*, and a certain kind of Fiſh, which they kill with their Darts. They are more curious in their drink, being very expert in making ſome very pleaſant Liquors; of which, that which is made of the Platanos is the beſt; they have another drink called Achioc, which is their commoneſt drink; it hath a moſt pleaſant taſte, and is very nouriſhing.

This people are very kind to one another, but the way of expreſſing their kindneſs, I confeſs, is peculiar to themſelves; for when one of them invites his friends to his Hut, when he expects their coming, he anoints his face with a kind of black Tincture, which makes him look as like a Devil as a Man; in this pickle he taketh his Arms, and goeth about two hundred paces, from the Cottage, where he attendeth the coming of his Gueſts; as ſoon as they draw nigh unto him, he falls upon his face to the ground, where he lieth as dead until the invited friends ſet him upon his feet; then they go all together into the Cottage, where they perform the ſame Ceremony, falling upon their faces; but he taketh them by the hand, and lifting them up one by one, cauſeth them to ſit down in order; then goes

the *Platanos* drink about in whole Bouls, and after it their other Liquors; then they fall to ſinging and dancing, Men and Women together, till the Feaſt be ended.

The conſtitution of their Conſcience in point of Marriage, is very good, for they marry no Maid without the conſent of her Father, the Lover being by him firſt examined about ſeveral points of Husbandry; if he anſwer ſatisfyingly, her Father calleth the Daughter, and cauſeth her to bring a Calabaſh full of the foreſaid Liquor, whereof he himſelf drinketh firſt, then the young Man, and laſtly the Maid, and without more ado the Marriage is made; they have indeed an odd way of expreſſing their love to theſe Maids; for ſometimes to give a proof of their affection, they pierce and wound their Genitals with the point of a Dart, which how they reliſh this teſtimony of love I know not; but I doubt much if our Women in *England* would thank their Sweethearts for ſuch tokens. As to their lying in, they have no ſuperſtitious obſerving of months, but as ſoon as the Woman is delivered, ſhe goes ſtraight to the next River or Fountain, where ſhe waſheth the new born creature from head to foot, then ſnatching it up, ſhe brings it home, and goes about her labour as before.

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When the Husband dieth, here the Wife takes care to bury him with all his *Azagayas* or Weapons and Jewels which he wore at his Ears, being alſo obliged to come every day for a whole year to his Grave with Meat and drink. Some write that this cuſtom of carrying meat to the Graves, is obſerved in all the *Caribbees* Iſlands, which they think the Devil comes and carries away; but the truth is, the Pirates moſt commonly ſave him a labour in this, as in many other things laid in his name; for knowing that the beſt of their Fruits, as alſo of their Liquors, are brought hither; they wait their opportunity, and take all away, and let the poor dead man provide for himſelf or faſt.

The Widow having thus compleated her year, ſhe openeth the Grave, & taketh out her Husbands bones, which ſhe carefully waſheth, drying them in the Sun; this being done, ſhe puts them all in a Satchel, this Satchel for a whole year ſhe is bound to carry all day upon her back, and at night to lie upon it: When this is performed, ſhe hangeth up the Satchel at the door of her houſe till ſhe marry the ſecond time.

CHAP.

CHAP. II.

They arrive at the Island de los Pinos.

THE Pirates having provided themselves as well as they could at *Gratias a Dios*, they looſed thence, ſteering their courſe towards the Iſland *de los Pinos*, where they arrived in fifteen days; finding the Veſſel unfit to ſail further by reaſon of its leakineſs, they were forc'd here to refit her, which one party undertook to do, while the other was imployed in fiſhing, in which they had admirable ſucceſs, ſo that in ſeven hours time they took as much Fiſh as would for once feed a thouſand men. They had alſo in their company ſome *Indians*, who were very dextrous at hunting, they provided abundance of wild Cows. This plenty made the Pirates begin to forget their former miſery, calling one another Brother, which kindly expreſſions their former miſery had brought to diſuſe among them.

Here they lived very ſecurely, apprehending no danger from any creature but the Crocodile, of which there are vaſt numbers upon this Iſland; theſe creatures when

when hungry, will aſſault any man, which one of the Pirates by experience found a truth. This Pirate going into the Wood, having a *Negro* with him, they lighted upon a place where a Crocodile lay hid, the furious monſter with incredible fierceneſs aſſaults the Pirate, and faſtning his teeth in his legg, threw him to the ground; the Pirate finding himſelf put to it, and being a ſtrong fellow, recovers his feet; then the combate begins afreſh, at length he draws a Knife out of his pocket, with which, with great difficulty, he overcame the Crocodile, and killed it; he himſelf, what with wearineſs and loſs of blood together, lay alſo as dead upon the place; the *Negro*, who fled when the Crocodile appeared, returns now to ſee what became of him, and finding him in this condition, took him upon his back, and carried him to the Sea ſide, where his Fellow-Pirates received him into a Canow, and conveyed him on Ship-board. This miſchance ſcarr'd them ſo as none of them durſt look near the Wood without a Guard, yet afterwards being deſirous to revenge their fellows misfortune, went in whole Troops to ſearch for Crocodiles in the Woods; but they needed not go ſo far, for uſually they would come in the night-time to the very ſide of their Ship,

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and ſeem as if they would climb up their Ladder, one of which they ſeized upon a night, with an Iron hook, who inſtead of ſeeking to the bottom, began to mount the Ladder of the Ship, which put the Pirates in a terrible fright, but at length, (with ſome others of their Inſtruments) they overcame it.

Having refitted themſelves with all neceſſaries at *de los Pivos*, they ſet ſail for *Jamaica*, where they found their old Leader in miſchief *C. M.* without ſo much as one of his old Train with him; he had now a new project in his head of going to the Iſle of St. *Katherine*, to fortifie it, and to make it a common receptacle of Pirates of all ſorts, intending to Reign as ſole Prince over them.

But as he that reckons before his Hoſt, reckons ſometimes twice, ſo it fell out with him; for while he was uſing all means to perſuade people to tranſport themſelves thither, a Man of War from *England* arrived at *Jamaica*, who brought Orders from His Majeſty to the Governour to appear at the Court of *England* there to anſwer to ſuch Articles as were preſented by the *Spaniſh* Ambaſſador againſt him, for maintaining of Pirates in thoſe parts, to the great loſs of the King of *Spains* Subjects.

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This man of War alſo brought over a new Governour to *Jamaica*, who when he entred upon his Office, ſent about to all the Coaſts of *Jamaica*, acquainting them, that his Majeſty intended to maintain an entire Friendſhip with the Catholick King, willing all his Subjects in *Jamaica* ſo to carry towards the ſaid Kings Subjects upon all occaſions, as there may be no ground upon their ſide of any miſunderſtanding betwixt the two Crowns, alſo that he had ſtrict orders not to permit any Pirate whatſoever to ſet forth from *Jamaica*, to commit any hoſtility or depredation upon the *Spaniards*.

This was heavy tidings to the Pirates, for now in appearance their Trade will decay; ſome of them had intelligence of it while at Sea, which frighted them ſo, as they durſt not look near *Jamaica*, however the Boys reſolved to make their lives as comfortable as they could, knowing that hanging was the worſt that could be expected, and as good (thought they) to be hanged for 20 faults, as for 19; therefore they reſolved to be doing upon all hazard, ſo they ranſackt a conſiderable Town in the Iſle of *Cuba*, committing all kind of hoſtility upon that place, and uſing the Inhabitants very cruelly, but they knew not how near they were to the ſcores

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end, for ſhortly after by the vigilancy of the preſent Governor, the moſt conſiderable among them were apprehended and hang'd; the reſt not willing to undergo ſo ſevere a cenſure, if they could help it, retired to the Iſle of *Tortuga*, where they joyned with ſome *Frenchmen* of the ſame Profeſſion, with whom they hitherto remain, reſolving if they can to avoid the *Engliſh* halters at *Jamaica*, till they have wrought ſome better for them.

CHAP. III.

The French *are Shipwrackt nigh the Iſles of* Guadinillas.

THE Pirates being arriv'd at *Tortuga*, are preſently employed by the Governor, for about this time, *anno* 1673. the war being hot in *Europe*, betwixt the *French* and the *Dutch*, the *French* in *America* reſolved to poſſeſs themſelves of the Iſles belonging to the States there, whereupon, getting to the number of 500 Pirates, they put them all into one Ship, un-

under the Governour of *Tortuga*, intending firſt to take the Iſle of *Curaſao*, then to go on as they were encouraged; but this Ship looſing from *Tortuga*, with a reſolution to join with the reſt of the Fleet, was ſurprized with a violent ſtorm, which increaſed ſo upon her, that at length ſhe ran full upon a rock, which ſplit her all to pieces, yet being near land, all the men were ſaved.

They were no ſooner come on ſhore but they were diſcovered by the *Spaniards* of *Puerto Vito* (for ſo was the place called) who taking them to be *French* Pirates, gathered together, and marched out againſt them, yet though finding them without Arms, and crying for Quarters, they ran upon them with unmanly fury, and kill'd moſt of them, the reſt they took, & carried away with them; by the way they ask'd them where their Captain was, they anſwered, that he was drowned in the Shipwrack; though yet he was one of the Priſoners, but he behav'd himſelf ſo, that the *Spaniards* took him to be a meer fool, for he kept himſelf ſo cloſe to all the actions of a fool, that they did not much notice him, but permitted him to go looſe among the reſt of the Priſoners, together with a *French* Surgeon, who had formerly obliged ſome of the *Spaniards*, and obtained the ſame favour.

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Monſieur Ogeron (for ſo was he call'd) having an opportunity, told the Surgeon he reſolved to attempt an eſcape, if poſſible; after conſultation, they both (getting out by night) fled into a Wood, intending there to make up ſomething that might ſerve inſtead of a boat to tranſport them, but without any inſtrument in the world fit for that purpoſe, except an Hatchet; however they began to cut down ſuch Trees as they thought fit for their purpoſe; but while they are thus buſied at their work, one of them at a great diſtance diſcovers a Canow upon the water, ſteering directly towards them, this frighted them ſomewhat at firſt, not knowing but they were *Spaniards* coming to take them, which made them retire a little, but at laſt they perceived them to be but two men, who ſeem'd to be Fiſhers, whereupon they reſolved upon all hazards to ſeize the Canow, which with ſmall difficulty they did, one of them coming out a little way from the Sea ſide for freſh water, they knockt down with the Hatchet, the other thinking to eſcape, made toward the Canow, but was intercepted, and ſerved with the ſame ſauce; then having taken in a little freſh water, they ſet Sail for *Samana*, an Iſland belonging to *Hiſpaniola*, where they found ſome of their own Countrymen. From

From thence *Monſieur Ogeron* went for *Tortuga*, whereof he was Governor, and in a ſhort time gather'd a conſiderable Fleet, being reſolved either to deliver his fellow-priſoners out of the hands of the cruel *Spaniards*, or to die in the quarrel, having imbarked his men, he made an elegant ſpeech, exhorting them to acquit themſelves valiantly in ſo honourable a deſign, uſing many forcible arguments to that effect; they upon the other hand promiſed to ſtand by him to the laſt drop of their blood; thus they ſet Sail for *Puerto Vico*, where they ſoon arrived.

Being come within ſight of the land, they lowr'd their main Sails, that the *Spaniards* might not diſcover them at a diſtance; but they having previous intelligence of their coming, poſted ſeveral Troops of Horſe along the Coaſt; which *Ogeron* perceiving, cauſed to ſhoot off ſome of his great Guns, which forc'd them to retire into the Woods, leaving ſeveral Companies of Foot in Ambuſh among the Trees.

The *French* thinking the Fields now clear, began to land very ſecurely, dreading no harm, but they were ſcarcely all on ſhore, when falling into this Ambuſcade, the *Spaniards* moſt furiouſly aſſaulted them, cutting them down in great numbers,

bers, ſo that with much ado they eſcaped into their Ships, leaving the moſt and beſt part of their men dead upon the place. The *Spaniards* having made an end of killing ſuch as they found half dead already, cut off ſeveral of their Legs and Arms, to preſent them to the Priſoners, for whoſe ſake this enterprize was undertaken.

This misfortune added to the affliction of the poor Priſoners, for the *Spaniards* uſe them now with more cruelty then ever. Which *Jacob Binks*, the *Dutch* Governor in *America* (being there with ſome men of War to buy Proviſion) pitied, inſomuch, that at his departure he privately conveyed away ſix of them, which inraged the *Spaniards* ſo againſt the reſt, that they preſently ſent them to the chief City of the Iſland, there to work their daily tasks with the ſlaves; from thence they tranſported them to *Havana*, where they were imployed in the ſame manner as formerly, cauſing them to work all day, and at night they ſhut them up in cloſe Priſons, fearing they might eſcape, as they had good reaſon to do, if they knew how, afterwards they tranſported them in ſmall numbers into *Spain*, where having procured their ranſom, they were ſet at liberty, and ſhortly after had the fortune to meet all in *France*.

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But their own Country yielding them no ſuch pleaſure, eſpecially in the way of their Trade, as *America* did, they all reſolve to lay hold upon the firſt opportunity of returning thither again; for this end they aſſiſted one another the beſt way they could, ſo that in a ſhort time moſt of the Pirates open'd ſhop again at *Tortuga*, their common place of Rendevouze.

Having once again neſted themſelves at *Tortuga*, they reſolve, if poſſible, to revenge their former misfortunes upon the *Spaniards*, whereupon they rigged out a new Fleet under the command of one *Le ſieur Maintenon*, a *Frenchman*, and ſet Sail for the Iſland *de la Trinidad*, which they Attacked, and in ſhort time became Maſters of it, not long after they ſack'd it, putting it to the ranſom of 10000 pieces of Eight.

CHAP.

CHAP. IV.

The Isle of Cayana *taken by the* Dutch, *and re-taken by the* French.

HAving hitherto traced the Buccaniers in their various excursions, and rambles, it may not be amiss now a little to view some transactions that past betwixt the *French* and the *Dutch* about this time in *America*.

In the year 1676, the States General sent their Vice-Admiral, *Jacob Binky* to the Island of *Cayana*, to re-take it from the *French*, who had wrongfully possest it; he set out upon the 16th of *March*, with seven Men of War, one Fire-ship, and five Galliots, he arrived at *Cayana* the fourth of *May* following, having come to the Port, he immediately landed 900 men, who approaching the Castle, summon'd it to be rendred upon no other terms then discretion, the Governor answer'd he intended no such thing, but intended to defend it to the utmost; whereupon *Binky* presently ordered his Troops to attack it on

on both ſides; the Aſſault was very furious, both Parties acting moſt gallantly, the *Dutch* moſt couragiouſly advancing, the *French* with no leſs courage defending, till at length being but few in number, and overcome with the multitude of their Enemies, they were fore'd to ſurrender upon the terms that were firſt offer'd. In the Caſtle were found 37 pieces of Cannon, with ſome Ammunition and Proviſion. The Governor called *Monſieur Leſs*, together with two Prieſts, were ſent into *Holland*. 14 men were all that *Binks* loſt in the Aſſault.

The *French* King underſtanding this diſaſter, ſent the *Count de Eſtres* with a Squadron of Men of War to re-take the Iſland, who having Sailed as far as the River *Capero Vaco*, was by a Ship of *Nantes* (who had been lately upon the place) informed of the preſent ſtate of the Iſland, whereby he was enabled to take his own meaſures as he thought fit; arriving at the Iſland within three Leagues of the Caſtle, he landed 800 men, dividing them in two parties, of whom he placed one under the Conduct of the *Count de Blinac*, the other under *Monſieur de Elfanther*, leaving *Monſieur Gabaret* with ſeveral Troops on board, with direction to Sail towards the Caſtle, the

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reſt marching thither by land.

Coming near the place, the *Count de Eſtres* ſent a Meſſenger to the Caſtle, demanding in the name of his Maſter it ſhould be ſurrendred into his hands, but they fromwithin anſwered, that they would not render an inch of ground within the Caſtle, but at the expence of their deareſt blood; whereupon the *French* Aſſaulted the Caſtle next night in ſeven places at once; here was begun a very ſtout Combat on both ſides, the Victory for a long time hovering over their heads, till at laſt ſhe favouring the *French*, forced the *Dutch* to render, though not without much blood on both ſides. Within the Caſtle were found 38 perſons dead, and many others wounded, yet the loſs of the *French* was far greater, though they thought fit to conceal it.

CHAP. V.

The French *Fight with the* Dutch *at* Tobago, *but are beaten.*

THis Iſland of *Tobago* was firſt inhabited by the Prince of *Curland*, who eſtabliſh'd

eſtabliſh'd a Colony there, who a while after, for want of neceſſary proviſions, deſerted it, upon which it fell into the hands of ſome *Zealanders*, who by the command of the States General, fortified it for their uſe, having built a ſtately Caſtle thereon for its further ſtrength.

But now the *French*, having taken *Cayana*, & ordered their buſineſs there, their next project is to take *Tobago*, whereupon *De Eſtres* ſetting ſail from *Cayana* towards *Cardivia*, he was informed that *Heer Binks* with his whole Fleet lay at *Tobago*; this no ways retarded, but rather haſtened his motion thither, where having the advantage of Wind and Weather, he ſoon arrived; *Binks* being inform'd of his arrival, ſent his Land-Forces, with ſome of his Mariners on ſhoar, to put all things in order for a Siege.

Within two days the *French* came to an Anchor hard by the Iſland, where they immediately landed all their men, which when *Binks* perceived, he gave preſent Orders to demoliſh all the Houſes about the Caſtle, that the *French* might not take the advantage of ſheltering themſelves in them. The next day *Monſieur de Eſtres* ſent a Drum to demand the *Hollanders* to ſurrender the Fort, which was ſcornfully denied.

The *French* seeing the *Dutch* so resolute, and fearing that an assault would tend nothing to their honour or advantage, kept close within their Trenches, till the third of *March*. This fatal day to the *French* being come, they hoised up their Sails, and with their whole Fleet engaged the *Dutch* in the Bay, where was begun a most bloody Combate; mean while the *French* who were on shoar advanced resolutely towards the Castle, and began to storm it very briskly; but the *Dutch* from within handled them so warmly, as they were forc'd after three several Attacks to retire with the loss of 150 men, and 200 wounded, which with great difficulty they carried off.

While the *French* and *Dutch* thus entertain one another by Land, the two Fleets continue their Combate most desperately, sinking and killing one another. Thus they continued from morning till night; when *Monsieur de Estres* left both the Bay and the Victory to the *Hollanders*; in this Engagement he lost several brave Ships, among the rest the Ship wherein he himself was, being mounted with twenty seven Guns of a huge bigness, besides several other smaller ones, was unfortunately sunk.

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CHAP. VI.

The French *goeth the ſecond time to* Tobago, *and taketh it.*

THE ſhame which *Monſieur de Eſtres* conceived by this Defeat (as alſo finding himſelf unable at this time to recover his reputation) made him depart thence upon the 18th of *March*, ſteering his courſe homeward, where he arrived upon the 21th of *June* thereafter.

But the *French* King underſtanding this ſhameful foil, commands the ſame *Monſieur de Eſtres* once more to undertake the Enterprize, for repairing his own and his Countrys credit, whereupon he ordered Eight great Men of War to be rigged out in all haſte, with Eight other ſmaller Ships, wherewith *de Eſtres* ſetting Sail upon the third of *October*, ſteered his courſe directly towards *Tobago*, where he arrived the ſeventh of *December* following, and immediately landed 1500 men, with which they approach within Eight furlongs of the Caſtle.

De Eſtres went himſelf in perſon to

view the Caſtle, and ſent a Meſſenger to *Heer Binks*, demanding it to be ſurrendred to his Maſter the King of *France*, which he gallantly refuſed to do upon any terms; whereupon the next day the *French* began to advance toward the Caſtle; the *Dutch* firing reſolutely at them from within; the *French* began the aſſault by caſting of Fire-balls into the Caſtle, one of which happened to fall in the way that led to the Magazine-houſe, where there was a great deal of Powder ſcattered through the negligence of thoſe that had the care of it, which immediately took fire, and ran as far as the Magazine, where all blew up together by this fatal blow. *Binks* himſelf, and all his Officers, except one Captain, periſhed. The *French* ſeeing ſo fair an opportunity put in their hands, which otherwiſe they were not like to do, poſſeſt themſelves of the Caſtle, where they found 300 men alive, whom they afterward tranſported to *France*.

Thus meer chance put the Victory in their hands, which if it had not ſo happened, they had probably ſucceeded as badly at this time as formerly.

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An Appendix,

Containing a Deſcription of Tortuga *and* Hiſpaniola, *the Reſidence of the Pirates.*

HAving already given you ſome Account of the Buccaniers, I come now to ſay ſomewhat (by way of deſcription) of the places of their abode; for having ſaid ſo much of the Birds, I hope I ſhall be excuſed, if I ſay ſomething of the Neſt alſo. The common receptacle of theſe Squires being *Tortuga* and *Hiſpaniola*, I ſhall briefly deſcribe them in their order.

1. *Tortuga*, that ſpot of *Neptune*, unto which theſe Water-padgers the Buccaniers has been beholden for ſhelter in their extremity, is ſituated nigh the Continent of *Hiſpaniola*, upon the North ſide thereof, in the Latitude of twenty degrees thirty nine minutes, its circumference is ſixty e agues, called *Tortuga*, becauſe in ſhape it

somewhat resembleth a Sea Tortoise. This Country is full of Rocks, yet abounding with lofty Trees, which grow upon the hardest of these Rocks, twisting their roots about them, not unlike the branching of Ivy against our Walls. The Northern parts are therefore totally uninhabited; the South side which is inhabited, hath only one Port, which hath two several Entries affording passage unto Ships of seventy Guns.

The habitable parts of it are divided into four quarters, the first called the Low Country, because it is neerest the Sea; its chief and only City is *Cayona*, where the richest Planters of the Island have their abode; the second is called the Middle Plantation, found good only for the culture of Tobacco; the third is called *Ringot*, not so good as any of the former; the fourth called the *Mountain* where the first Plantations were made.

Its Trees might be very useful, being exceeding tall and straight, especially the yellow Saunder, which the Inhabitants call *Lignum de Chandel*; here groweth also *Lignum Guaiacum*, to whose vertue many do owe the present use of their Noses; Physicians extracting from it a Soveraign Antidote against the Pox; also *Gummi Elemi*, and *China Roots*; it also aboundeth with Aloes, with many other medicinal Herbs.

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Its ordinary fruits are *Magniot*, *Potato's*, *Acajow-Apples*, with many others, which for brevity I omit: Here also grow those Trees called *Palmitos*, from which the Inhabitants draw a certain Juice, which serveth them for Wine.

Here also is to be found a huge multitude of wild Boars inhabiting the Rocks and Mountains, which the Inhabitants are forbidden to hunt with Dogs, being reserved for cases of necessity, as sudden Invasion, or the like, that they may serve them for food if they be put to flee to the Mountains.

There resorteth hither huge flocks of wild Pigeons at a certain season of the year, during which season the Inhabitants feed very plentifully upon them; but, which is observable, when this season is over, they become so lean and bitter, that none can taste them. Upon the Sea Coasts are to be found multitudes of Sea and Land Crabs, with which the Inhabitants feed their Servants and Slaves, but eat not of them themselves, but in cases of necessity, because they are hurtful to the sight.

This Island being first discovered by the *Spaniards*, and possest, was afterward taken from them by the *French*, and retaken again by the *Spaniards*. This Contest

lasted a considerable time, till at length the *French* prevail'd, and rooted out the *Spaniards*, making themselves sole Masters of the Island, which they retain to this day.

A Description of Hispaniola.

THis famous Island made known at first to the World by the means of *Christopher Columbus*, in the year 1492. who was sent for that end by the then King of *Spain*, is situate in the Latitude of seventeen degrees and a half; its circumference is three hundred leagues, its length a hundred and fifty, its breadth in some places sixty, in others but thirty; it was called *Hispaniola* first by *Columbus*, but now is frequently called St. *Domingo*, from the chief City of it so called.

The City of St. *Domingo* being chief, is as it were the Store-house of all the other Cities, Towns and Villages, which from hence provide themselves with all their necessaries; it entertaineth no Commerce with the Merchants of any other Nation than its own the *Spaniards*; the greatest part of its Inhabitants being also rich and substantial Merchants.

The next is St. *Tiago*, an open place, without either Walls or Caſtle; moſt of the Inhabitants are Hunters and Planters, the adjacent Fields being very proper for that uſe. There is alſo another City called *Nueſtra Sennora de Alta Gratia*, where there is the beſt Chocolate that that Country affordeth.

Weſtward of St. *Domingo* is a great Village called *El Pueblo de-aſo*, the Inhabitants thereof drive a great Trade with another called *San Juan de Goave*, which is environed with Gardens, Woods and Meadows; its Inhabitants are moſtly Hunters and Butchers; they are a Mungrel ſort of people, *Mulatos Miſticos* and *Alcatraces*; the firſt are ſuch as are begotten betwixt White people and *Negroes*; the ſecond between Whites and *Indians*; and the third between *Negroes* and *Indians*. Theſe are the chief places poſſeſt by the *Spaniards* in this Iſland, the reſt being all poſſeſt by the *French*.

There belongs to it Eighteen Ports for Shipping, four of which are ſhort of none in *England*; the Country about the Coaſt is water'd with many excellent Rivers and Brooks, which makes it exceeding pleaſant.

Of the Fruits and Trees of Hiſpaniola.

AMong the varieties of Fruits that this Iſland yieldeth, its Oranges and Lemons, both ſweet and ſowre, are moſt pleaſant. It's true, the Lemons exceeds not an Hens Egg, but this is abundantly compenſate by their delicioufneſs.

There are abundance of Palm Trees found here, ſome of which are two hundred foot high, having no branches but what are upon the very top; every month one of theſe branches falleth off, and at the ſame time another ſprouteth out; the leaves of this Tree are ſeven or eight foot in length, and three or four in breadth, with which they cover their houſes inſtead of Tyles: Alſo they make Buckets of them to carry their Water in. The body of the Tree is ſo big, that two men can ſcarcely graſp it in the middle; yet the heart of it is ſo ſoft, that if two or three Inches be pared off its outſide, the reſt may be ſliced like new Cheeſe. The Inhabitants have a way of extracting an excellent Drink from this Tree; for wounding it a little above the Root, they from thence diſtill a ſort of Liquor which

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in short time by fermentation becometh as strong as the richest Wine.

There are also in this Island beside this Palm, four other sorts, the *Latanier Palm*, the *Prickle Palm*, the *Rosarick Palm*, and the *Wine Palm*; the *Latanier Palm* is almost like the *Wine Palm*, only it is shorter, its leaves are somewhat like Womens Fans, the body is full of prickles, of the length of half a foot; the *Prickle Palm* is so full of prickles, from the Root to the top, that there is scarce a fingers-breadth free, with which some of the *Indians* use to torment their prisoners: First, tying them to a Tree, and then taking these thorns, they put them into little pellets of Cotton, which they dip in Oil, and thus stick them in the poor prisoners sides, as thick as the bristles of an Hedge-Hog, then they set them on fire, which if he patiently endure, he is accounted valiant, otherwise not. The *Rosarick Palm* has this name both from the *French* and *Spaniards*, because its seed is very fit to make Rosaries or Beads to say Prayers upon. I will not here ask for a *Quo Warranto* of this practice, but I am sure, if there be any vertue in these Berries, the wild Boars are devouter than any of them, whose constant food they are. This Tree is exceeding tall and straight. The *Wine Palm* groweth

groweth in Rocky Mountains, and is of an extraordinary ſhape; for from the Root, to the half of its proportion, it exceeds not three Inches about; but about the two thirds of its height, it's as big as an ordinary Bucket, where it is full of a Juicy Liquor, which being ſqueezed out, and fermented, becomes a very good Wine; they make Veſſels of its leaves, not only to purifie the ſaid Liquor, but alſo to drink it.

It alſo produceth certain Apricock Trees, whoſe fruit reſembles our Melons, differing nothing in taſte from our Apricocks; their ſtones are bigger than a Hens Egg; the wild Boars are exceedingly fattened with this fruit.

The *Oenipa*, a Tree, is very common here; it is moſt like to our Cherry-tree; its fruit is of the bigneſs of two fiſts, of an Aſh colour; before it ripens, it has a Juice as black as Ink, and fit to be written with, but diſappears within nine days, leaving the Paper as white as before.

Here alſo is the Tree called *Caremites*, very like our Pear-trees, whoſe fruits are not unlike our Damaſcene Plums, but black on the inſide; its kernels are but three in number at moſt, of the bigneſs of a Lupine; upon this fruit alſo the wild Boars feed much.

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I muſt not omit the prodigious number of ſtately Cedars that grows here, which are much uſed in building Ships and Canows, but becauſe the Reader may not know what kind of a thing a Canow is, though often ſpoken of in this Book, I ſhall therefore in few words deſcribe it: A Canow is like a little Wherry-boat made of one only Tree, without the help of any other Inſtrument but fire only, which they ſet to the root of the Tree, governing it with ſuch induſtry, as nothing is burnt but that that they would have, thus by this only Inſtrument they put it into ſuch a form, as makes it capable to Sail three or fourſcore Leagues without hazard.

Here is alſo Brazile wood in great quantities, it groweth along the Sea-Coaſts, eſpecially in two places, *Jackmel* and *Jaquina*, two commodious Ports of the Iſland, alſo the Tree called *Manchanilla*, or the Dwarf Apple, is found here, whoſe fruit is of a moſt venemous quality, for being eaten by any Perſon, immediately he changeth colour, and is taken with ſuch a thirſt, that no water can quench, and within a little dies perfectly mad. Yea, if a Fiſh eat of it (as ſometimes they do) it is poiſonous.

There is another ſort of Tree growing by the Rivers ſide, which beareth a certain

tain kind of Fruit, not unlike our Bullice, also another Tree called *Abelcoses*, whose Fruit is of the like colour, but of the bigness of *Melons*, the kernels being as big as Eggs; this Fruit some *French* of the poorest sort serve themselves with instead of bread.

Of the Insects of Hispaniola.

AND as to their Flies I shall only speak of three sorts of them that are very troublesome Neighbours, especially to Strangers. The first are call'd *Mosquittoes*, or Gnatts, they are as big as our common Horse-flies, when they light upon a mans body, they stick there till they have suckt so much of his blood, that they cannot flie, which causeth People to make use of the branches of Trees to fan them away. The second sort is no bigger than a grain of sand, yet exceeding troublesome, and that because of their smallness they can penetrate the finest linnen, as also they make no humming noise as the other kinds do, whereby they are less avoidable. The third sort are about the bigness of our Fleas, and of the same colour, they sting not at all, but yet bite so bitterly, as to cause

cauſe little Ulcers upon the fleſh, eſpecially the face, which maketh it ſwell, ſo as to render it fearful to look on, they vex people only by day, for when the Sun ſets, they go to their reſt, and are not heard of till next morning.

They have here another Inſect, call'd by the *Spaniards*, *Cochinillas*, in Engliſh, *Glow-worms*, much like ours in *England*, only they are ſomewhat bigger and longer, but they have one quality which differenceth them from all other living Animals, for they have two little ſpecks in their fore-heads, which by night give ſo much light, that four or five of them together, will make one at a diſtance think it is a burning Candle, yea, they ſhine ſo bright, that if one has but three of them by him in the darkeſt night, he may read any print, though never ſo ſmall.

Here alſo they are much moleſted with Grillones or Crickets of an extraordinary bigneſs in reſpect of ours, if any Perſon come near them, they make ſo much noiſe, that they are ready to burſt.

There is likewiſe a multitude of Reptiles, ſuch as Serpents, Snakes, and the like, but bound up by the Providence of the Almighty, from being hurtful to any other Creatures but Fowls, and the like; yea, they keep them in their Houſes for deſtroying

deſtroying of Rats and Mice, for they cunningly counterfeit the chirps of theſe Creatures, and thereby catch them. They have alſo another kind of Reptile, called *Cazadores de Moſtas*, or Fly-catchers, as harmleſs as the former, for they live upon no other food then Flies, and their continual labour is to conſume theſe vexatious Creatures. They have alſo a multitude of land Tortoiſes, upon which the Inhabitants commonly feed, and are by them accounted very good food.

But there are found in this Iſland a ſort of Spider which is moſt hideous to behold, they are as big as an Egg, and have feet as long as a Sea-Crab, full of hair, having alſo four black Teeth like a Rabbet, with which they commonly bite very ſharply, yet their bites are not venemous. There are alſo ſome Scorpions to be found here, yet by experience are found to be no ways venemous, for although they do bite, yet the wounds they make are as eaſily cured as thoſe that the moſt innocent inſtrument makes.

But of all the Inſects here found, the moſt famous is the *Cayman*, which is a kind of a Crocodile, of theſe ſome are moſt terrible to behold, becauſe of their bigneſs, ſome of them being threeſcore and ten foot in length, and twelve in breadth; their cunning alſo wherewith they

they purchaſe their food, is very remarkable, for placing themſelves at the ſides of Rivers, eſpecially where their Cattel comes to drink, there they lie like an old Tree without any motion in the leaſt, floating upon the water, till they ſee their Prey, then they with extraordinary fierceneſs aſſault it, whether it be Cow or Horſe, and dragging it into the water, ſtifle it; but what is yet more ſtrange, before they go upon ſuch expeditions, they ſwallow about two hundred weight of Stones, thereby to make themſelves the more heavy for ſtifling of the Prey, having thus ſecur'd their Prey, they keep it five or ſix days under water, as not loving to eat it till it be half rotten, in like manner, if they can lay hold on any hides of Beaſts in the field, they drag them to the water, and having kept them there, till they putrify ſomewhat, then they eat them.

One paſſage worth the noticing, of the ſagacity of this Creature, I ſhall relate, a *Spaniard* being one day by the River ſide waſhing his Net, he no ſooner began his work, but a *Cayman* takes hold of the Tent, pulling it with great violence to the bottom; the man not willing to loſe his Tent, if he could help it, pull'd with all his ſtrength; the *Cayman* ſeeing this, with incredible fury vaulted out of the wa-

water, and taking hold of the *Spaniard*, pull'd him into the water, endeavouring with his weight to ſtifle him, but he chanced to have a knife in his hand, wherewith he ſcrap't his Tent, with this knife, giving the *Cayman* ſeveral wounds in the belly, at length kill'd him.

Their manner of procreating is this, they find out ſome ſandy bank expoſed to the Sun, where they lay their Eggs, & cover them with their feet, & ſo leave them to be hatch'd with the heat of the Sun; when the young ones are out of the ſhell, if the Mother be near at hand, they run to her, ſporting themſelves with her, like as Pigs do with their Dame; in this ſort of ſport they will oftentimes run in and out of their Mothers belly, as Rabbets into their holes, and if any chance to come by while they are thus at their paſtime, and throw a ſtone at them to fright them, then are they ſure to make her belly their Sanctuary.

Of the Quadruped *Animals that are to be found in* Hiſpaniola.

THey are much moleſted with wild Dogs, who are great Enemies to their Cattel, deſtroying them in great num-

numbers; they are seen in Woods, and Fields to the number of three or fourscore together, they are so fierce, that they dare assault a whole herd of wild Bores, not leaving them, till they have kill'd two or three of them; he that draws the first blood in this Action, has so much respect put upon him by the rest, that when the Bore is kill'd, all of them lie down upon the grass until he has eaten as much as he can devour, then they fall in for their share, and eat up what remains.

The Governor of *Tortuga*, understanding that these wild Dogs destroyed too many of the Bores, caused great quantities of Poison to be brought from *France* to destroy them; he caused also some old Horses to be kill'd, and having with this Poison invenomed the flesh, laid them in the Fields and Woods where the Dogs used to resort, this he did for the space of half a year, in which time there was an incredible number of them destroyed, yet not so many as to make their number seem less, for after all this Industry, they did not seem fewer by one then they were before.

These Dogs were brought to this Island at first by the *Spaniards*, for they finding the *Indians* to make the Woods their shelter whenever they were pursued, resolved if possible, they should not be secure there;

there; whereupon they ſent over to *Spain* for Dogs, which were ſent to them in vaſt numbers, with them they would ſearch for, and find out an *Indian* in the moſt ſolitary and intricate thickets, whereby they forc'd them to leave their old Sanctuaries, and to ſubmit to a moſt cruel Sword; yea, ſo cruel were theſe *Spaniards* to them, that they conceived ſuch horrour of them and their proceedings, that to avoid them, they betook themſelves to Caves and Dens, where they died in great numbers; the *Spaniards* now finding the *Indians* almoſt quite rooted out of the Land, bethought themſelves how to diſpatch their Dogs alſo, but this they found not ſo eaſy a task, for the Maſtives betook themſelves to the Woods and Fields, there to hunt for their Prey, till at length they became unacquainted with their former Maſters, and ſo at length quite wild.

In this Iſland alſo are wild Horſes running up and down the Iſland in whole herds; they are very ill ſhap'd, being of low ſtature, ſhort bodied, long neck'd: The Hunters catch them only for the advantage they make by their skins, but their wild Cows are much diminiſhed by the conſtant practice of the Hunters, yet they make conſiderable profit of them until this day.

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Of the Birds that are here found.

THE Parrot is a Bird that is known in moſt places, but owes its original to theſe parts of the World only, eſpecially in *Hiſpaniola* there are very many of them; they build their Neſts in holes of Palmito-trees, which holes, another ſmall Bird called Carpintero, with great induſtry does make, God and Nature having ſo provided for the Parrot, as not capable of it ſelf to excavate any Wood, by reaſon of the bluntneſs and crookedneſs of its Bill.

Pigeons of all ſorts are alſo to be found here, where the Inhabitants obſerve the ſame ſeaſon of eating them with thoſe of *Tortuga*; little or no difference being found betwixt the Pigeons of the two Iſlands, only theſe of *Hiſpaniola* are ſomewhat bigger, and fatter than the other. They have another ſmall Bird here which they call Cabrerus, or Goat-keeper, who feeds for the moſt part upon Crabbs of the Sea; in this Bird are found ſeven diſtinct Gall Bladders, which makes their

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fleſh ſo bitter and unſavoury, that none can taſte it.

Crows and Ravens are to be found here in great numbers, but they make ſuch a hideous noiſe through the whole Iſland, that they are more troubleſom than uſeful to the Inhabitants; their ordinary food are wild Doggs, which the Buccaniers kill with their Guns, wherewith they are ſo well acquainted, that they no ſooner hear the report of a Fowling-piece in any part of the Iſland, but they gather from all quarters to that place, expecting there ſomewhat to feed upon.

The Manner of Planting Tobacco.

THE Planters began to cultivate this Iſland in the year 1598. that which they planted firſt was Tobacco, which proſpered admirably, and was alſo very good, although at firſt they could plant but little, by reaſon of the ſmall circumference of the Iſland, yet were they ſo much encouraged by their ſucceſs, that they began to ſeek out in other places Land fit for this purpoſe; the firſt Land they made choice of for this end, was

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Cul de Sac, lying upon the South of this Island, where by degrees they brought it to such perfection, that now there are above two thousand Planters in those Fields.

The manner of planting this (so much us'd) Herb, is, they make certain Beds of Earth in the Fields, about twelve foot square, wherein they sow their Tobacco-seed, covering it over with Palmito leaves, to defend it from the scorching heat of the Sun; when it grows to any bigness, they transplant it, setting every Plant at the distance of three foot from each other, observing always the fittest season for doing of it, which is from *January* till the beginning of *April*, then they very carefully weed it; for the least Root of any other Herb will stifle it: When it is grown to the height of one foot, they lop off the tops, thereby to hinder the stalks from shooting too much, and that the Plant may receive greater strength from the Earth: When it is fully ripe, they prepare apartments in their houses, which they fill with branches of Trees and Rafters, and upon them they lay their Tobacco to dry; when it is well dryed, they strip off the leaves from the stalks, and make it up into Rolls, having people imployed in this work, and no other, to whom

whom they give a tenth part for their labour.

I might here have given an account of the manner of making Sugar, Indigo and Gimbes; but since these are none of the Commodities of this place, I purposely omit them.